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By Representatives Hargrove, Mulliken, Sterk, Goldsmith, Pelesky, McMahan, Hymes, Backlund, Thompson, Campbell and Boldt

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1 AN ACT Relating to abortion; adding new sections to chapter 49.60  
2 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 If the employer provides insurance benefits, such as health  
7 insurance, for any employee by paying the costs or premiums in whole or  
8 in part for such benefits or by participating in negotiating the terms  
9 of the insurance policy, the employer may elect to provide such  
10 employee no coverage or to provide such employee coverage, in full or  
11 in part, for abortion.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 If the employer provides disability benefits, such as a sick leave  
15 plan or temporary disability benefit plan, for any employee by paying  
16 the costs or premiums in whole or in part for such benefits or by  
17 participating in negotiating the terms of such disability benefit plan,  
18 the employer may elect to provide such employee no benefits or to

1 provide such employee benefits, in full or in part, for any illness or  
2 disability caused by or contributed to by abortion.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support  
5 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall  
6 take effect immediately.

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