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3 By Senator Johnson

4 On page 1, at the beginning of line 5, strike all material through
5 "RCW." on line 15.

6 On page 2, line 5, strike ", except as provided in section 1 of
7 this act,"

8 On page 3, after line 5, insert the following:

9 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The legislature finds that the practices covered by this chapter
12 are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the purpose of
13 applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation
14 of this chapter is not reasonable in relation to the development and
15 preservation of business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or
16 commerce and an unfair method of competition for the purpose of
17 applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 The legislature finds that the practices covered by this chapter
21 are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the purpose of
22 applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation
23 of this chapter is not reasonable in relation to the development and
24 preservation of business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or
25 commerce and an unfair method of competition for the purpose of
26 applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW."

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EFFECT: Clarifies that violations of health care service contractor laws and HMO laws are a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.