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HOUSE BILL 1355

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State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2013 Regular Session  
By Representatives Ormsby, Green, Reykdal, Sells, and Moeller

1            AN ACT Relating to claim files and compensation under the  
2 industrial insurance laws; amending RCW 51.08.173; adding new sections  
3 to chapter 51.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            "Third-party administrator" means any entity that contracts to  
8 administer workers' compensation claims for self-insured employers  
9 qualified under RCW 51.14.020 and certified pursuant to RCW 51.14.030,  
10 or provides claims administration, monitoring, or review for any  
11 employer, and is considered to be an employer representative.

12            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14            "Claims management entity" means any individual designated by a  
15 self-insured employer qualified under RCW 51.14.020 and certified  
16 pursuant to RCW 51.14.030 to administer workers' compensation claims  
17 including self-administered organizations and third-party

1 administrators, or provides claims administration, monitoring, or  
2 review for any employer, and is considered to be an employer  
3 representative.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 51.08.173 and 1983 c 174 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 "Self-insurer" or "self-insured employer" means an employer or  
7 group of employers which has been authorized under this title to carry  
8 its own liability to its employees covered by this title.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act applies to all claims open after  
10 January 1, 2014.

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