

ICSEW BILL ALERT

HB 1191

ENSURING EQUITY IN HEALTH COVERAGE



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Why does this bill matter to you?

How does it apply to state employed women.

The legislature finds the following:

- Washington is home to more than 1,000,000 immigrants who attend school, work, pay taxes, and contribute to our state's vibrant economy.
- Individuals with health insurance coverage have better health outcomes than those who lack coverage. An estimated 46 percent of undocumented Washingtonians are uninsured, compared to just seven percent in the general population.
- Washington State has a long history of working toward equity in immigrant health coverage.
- As a matter of equity, the legislature therefore intends to improve the health of all people in this state by extending health coverage at parity to all Washington residents.

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