

Governor Inslee Signs Bill Supporting Nonprofit Insurance Pools

Olympia, Washington – April 25, 2015. As Paratransit Services' Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer Darlene Riley and others looked on, Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed Senate Bill 5119 into law on April 25. The Bill removes nonprofit insurance pools from the regulations covering governmental pools, and places them in their own section of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). The Bill also clarifies rules restricting co-mingling of funds between public entities and nonprofits, and it allows Washington State nonprofit insurance pools to have multistate authority.

Paratransit Services, a nonprofit company based in Bremerton, Washington, is a contract operator of public transit systems in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. Insurance expenses are a significant part of transit system operating costs, and without the ability to join an insurance pool, it would be difficult for nonprofit operators like Paratransit Services to compete against larger, national and international transit corporations. The Non Profit Insurance Program (NPIP) provides a means for Paratransit Services and other Washington nonprofit companies to gain access to affordable insurance, with the coverage that is needed.

Darlene Riley, who is an NPIP Board Member, had provided testimony to both the Senate and House Committees as an advocate of the Bill, which was sponsored in the Senate by Senators Jan Angel and Mark Mullet.



Present for the signing at the Governor's conference room in Olympia were, standing, left to right in photo: Arlen Harris, Washington DES; Darlene Riley, EVP/CFO, Paratransit Services and NPIP Board Member; Jarrett Sacks, Washington DES; Eric Homer, VP, Clear Risk Solutions; Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People and NPIP Board Member; Lynn McGuire, Deputy Director, Washington DES; Sarah McDonnell, Clear Risk Solutions and NPIP Assistant Administrator; Teresita Torres, Waypoint Consulting Group, LLC. Seated: Washington Governor Jay Inslee.