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### Washington State Pauses Collection of WA Cares Fund Premium Assessments, Employers Should Too

On December 17, Washington Governor Jay Inslee, Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig, and House Speaker Laurie Jenkins issued a [joint statement](#) that included the Governor's intention to direct the State's Employment Security Department not to collect [WA Cares Fund](#) premiums that employers were to start withholding on January 1, 2022 and clear recognition by state lawmakers of a "pause" on premium collections by employers. [Read the full post on our sister blog, Employee Benefits.](#)

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