STATE OF WASHINGTON

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July 22, 2024

To: Identified insurance entities.

RE: SHB 2329 - Chapter 74, Laws of 2024 - data collection

Pursuant to Chapter 74, Laws of 2024, the Washington state Legislature has directed me to conduct a study relating to the property and liability insurance market for housing providers receiving housing trust fund resources under RCW 43.185A.130 and serving extremely low-income households as defined in RCW 36.70A.030.

Furthermore, the Legislature has required me to collect data to support the study. This includes data from authorized insurers, unauthorized insurers, risk retention groups and other entities transacting insurance with housing providers, such as providers of nonprofit insurance services, risk-sharing pools, trade associations and government entities.

The Legislature has deemed any data collected for the purpose of complying with the study and the commissioner's reporting requirements to be confidential by law and privileged and not subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW (Public Records Act). While I am authorized to include data in the report, it must be in an aggregate form and not able to identify any individual entity.

In order to review this data collection, the Legislature has allowed me to contract with an actuarial firm. Davies Group, North America has been retained and is under contract with a confidentiality agreement under the same terms the Legislature has required.

Consequently, your company has been identified by a housing provider as granting them property and/or liability coverage within the past 5 years. I have attached a specific list of housing projects and site addresses that serve the extremely low-income households the study must address. I request that you review the attached list of housing projects against your database of covered properties since 2019 to present.

If you identify your company has provided any property or liability coverage during that time frame for that address, please complete the worksheet and return to datacall@oic.wa.gov with other items listed in the instructions. If, after your review, you identify your company has NOT provided any

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coverage, please complete the first tab, leave the other tabs blank and return to datacall@oic.wa.gov. Worksheet and additional information are due by close of business August 27th, 2024.

If you have any general questions, please contact my staff, David Forte at david.forte@oic.wa.gov.

For technical questions relating to the worksheet, please contact <u>ben.conrad@us.davies-group.com</u>; <u>rebecca.freitag@us.davies-group.com</u>.

For many of the entities receiving this notice, I understand the unusual nature of this data collection. Please recognize I am duty bound to collect the data by law. The State of Washington is appreciative of your cooperation to address a critical issue facing our most vulnerable population.

Sincerely,

Mike Kreidler,

Insurance Commissioner

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Attached: Session Law Chapter 74, Laws of 2024, data call worksheet, list of housing projects to review and data call instructions.

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