

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 2390

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, FEBRUARY 25, 1994

Brief Description: Clarifying statutes to reflect the organizational structure of the department of labor and industries.

SPONSORS: Representatives Finkbeiner, Heavey, Lisk, Chandler, Long, Forner, Conway, Johanson, Jones, Eide and Roland; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

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Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Deccio, Fraser, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Prince, Sellar, Sutherland, Vognild and Wojahn.

Staff: David Cheal (786-7576)

Hearing Dates: February 25, 1994

BACKGROUND:

The structure and organization of the Department of Labor and Industries is to some degree determined by statute. Certain divisions are mentioned and certain officers are named. This structure was last addressed by statutory change in 1974. The department is currently undergoing a reorganization intended to reduce the number of divisions and layers of management. Regional boundaries for some department programs are different than with other programs. Regional office staff sometimes lack authority to respond in a timely manner to customer needs.

The statute makes some references to entities that no longer exist, such as the Industrial Welfare Committee.

SUMMARY:

References to the Divisions of Industrial Insurance, Building and Construction Safety Inspection Services, Industrial Safety and Health, and Industrial Relations are deleted. References to supervisors of these divisions are retained because those supervisors have certain statutory duties.

References to the Industrial Welfare Committee are deleted, substituting reference to the Department of Labor and Industries. A reference to the Industrial Welfare Commission is deleted. A reference to the Division of Statistics is

deleted. The requirement that the department compile reliable statistics on which to base operations is retained.

The requirement that the department be organized into five specified divisions is deleted, and replaced with a general instruction that the department shall be organized into divisions that promote efficient and effective performance of the duties of the agency.

Certain appointment authorities are reassigned to the director from various supervisors.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one