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By Representatives McMorris, Conway, Clements, Honeyford, Cole and O'Brien

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the department of labor and
2 industries WISHA advisory committee; adding a new section to chapter
3 49.17 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The director shall appoint a WISHA advisory committee composed of
8 eight members: Three members representing subject workers, each of
9 whom shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by a recognized
10 state-wide organization of employees, representing a majority of
11 employees; three members representing subject employers, each of whom
12 shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by a recognized
13 state-wide organization of employers, representing a majority of
14 employers; and two ex officio members, without a vote, one of whom
15 shall be the chairperson of the board of industrial insurance appeals,
16 and the other representing the department. The member representing the
17 department shall be chairperson. The committee shall provide comment
18 on department rule making, policies, and other initiatives. The
19 committee shall also conduct a continuing study of any aspect of safety

1 and health the committee determines to require their consideration.
2 The committee shall report its findings to the department or the board
3 of industrial insurance appeals for action as deemed appropriate. The
4 members of the committee shall be appointed for a term of three years
5 commencing on July 1, 1997, and the terms of the members representing
6 the workers and employers shall be staggered so that the director shall
7 designate one member from each group initially appointed whose term
8 shall expire on June 30, 1998, and one member from each group whose
9 term shall expire on June 30, 1999. The members shall serve without
10 compensation, but are entitled to travel expenses as provided in RCW
11 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The committee may hire such experts, if any,
12 as it requires to discharge its duties and may utilize such personnel
13 and facilities of the department and board of industrial insurance
14 appeals as it needs, without charge. All expenses of the committee
15 must be paid by the department.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 July 1, 1997.

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