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3 By Senators T. Sheldon, Rossi, West and Honeyford

4 S&O REQUESTED - WITHDRAWN; NOT ADOPTED 3/5/00; ROLL CALL VOTE 23-225

5 On page 86, after line 8, insert the following:

6 "(4)(a) The director shall only use funds appropriated in this
7 section to conduct pilot programs pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW to
8 measure and test the feasibility, effectiveness, and cost of the
9 department's proposed rule to provide safety and health standards for
10 musculoskeletal disorders caused by awkward postures, high hand force,
11 repetitive motion, repeated impacts, awkward lifting, vibration, or
12 similar physical tasks.

13 (b) The department shall conduct pilot programs with interested
14 private and public employers, including, but not limited to, the
15 following state agencies:

16 (i) Department of labor and industries;

17 (ii) Department of general administration;

18 (iii) Department of ecology;

19 (iv) Department of transportation;

20 (v) Employment security department;

21 (vi) Department of corrections;

22 (vii) Department of revenue; and

23 (viii) Department of social and health services.

24 (c) No later than December 31, 2003, the department shall report to
25 the legislature the results of the pilot programs. The report shall
26 include:

27 (i) Ease of understanding and compliance;

28 (ii) Identification of ambiguities and difficulties encountered
29 during implementation;

30 (iii) Injury reduction, including comparison to injury rates for
31 prior years; and

32 (iv) Costs of compliance with rules, including direct and indirect
33 costs.

34 (d) In order to more accurately reflect private sector
35 circumstances, state agencies shall use current appropriations to
36 implement the pilot programs.

1 (e) Until the department has reported to the legislature, the
2 director shall not use funds appropriated in this section to propose or
3 adopt safety and health standards for musculoskeletal disorders for
4 Washington employers covered by chapter 49.17 RCW.

5 (f) Nothing in this section prevents the department from using
6 funds appropriated in this section to work with employer and employee
7 organizations to:

8 (i) Develop voluntary guidelines;

9 (ii) Identify industry-specific best practices;

10 (iii) Develop employee training programs; and

11 (iv) Provide information to reduce employee exposure to workplace
12 hazards that can cause or aggravate musculoskeletal disorders."

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