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HOUSE BILL 3027

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By Representatives Grant, Clements, Kessler, Chandler and McMorris

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to implementing the governor's competitiveness  
2 council report on regulations concerning ergonomics; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 49.17 RCW; 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            (1) To provide greater awareness of the causes and prevention  
8 approaches to musculoskeletal disorders, the department shall:

9            (a) Provide musculoskeletal disorder awareness educational  
10 materials to employers and employees;

11            (b) Work with employers and employees to develop ergonomics  
12 education and training programs;

13            (c) Work with employers and employees to identify technical  
14 approaches and best practices to assist in preventing workplace  
15 injuries and illnesses; and

16            (d) Work with employers and employees to develop general and  
17 industry specific voluntary guidelines and education materials.

18            (2) The department shall provide periodic information to the  
19 industries deemed appropriate by the department on practices,

1 equipment, and products that have been identified by the department as  
2 being effective in reducing musculoskeletal disorders.

3 (3) Rules dealing with musculoskeletal disorders, adopted on May  
4 26, 2000, by the director, and codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through  
5 296-62-05176, shall have no force or effect and are hereby repealed.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
9 immediately.

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