

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6392

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As of January 20, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to industrial insurance claims filed with the department of labor and industries.

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to industrial insurance claims.

**Sponsors:** Senators Honeyford, Mulliken, Hewitt and T. Sheldon.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Trade: 1/22/04.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & TRADE

**Staff:** Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

**Background:** The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) must promptly act upon claims filed by injured workers. The majority of claims filed with L&I are acted upon within a few days of their receipt. However, L&I does not act on some claims for more than 90 days because the claims are more complicated and require greater investigation.

L&I employees manage all of the state fund workers' compensation claims.

**Summary of Bill:** L&I must enter an order allowing or denying a claim for industrial insurance benefits within 90 days from the date the claim is filed with L&I.

L&I is permitted to contract with individuals, businesses or nonprofit organizations to manage some or all of the state fund industrial insurance claims.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.