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By Senator Kastama

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "New Section. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on
4 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration is
5 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

6 (i) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate labor,
7 commerce, research and development committee;

8 (ii) The chair and ranking minority member of the house commerce
9 and labor committee;

10 (iii) Four members representing the heating, ventilating, air
11 conditioning, and refrigeration industry, selected from nominations
12 submitted by statewide business organizations representing a
13 cross-section of industries and appointed jointly by the president of
14 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives; and

15 (iv) Four members representing labor, selected from nominations
16 submitted by statewide labor organizations representing a cross-section
17 of industries and appointed jointly by the president of the senate and
18 the speaker of the house of representatives.

19 (b) In addition, the department of labor and industries shall
20 cooperate with the joint legislative task force and maintain a liaison
21 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member. The department shall
22 cooperate with the joint legislative task force and provide information
23 as the joint legislative task force may reasonably request.

24 (c) The joint legislative task force shall choose its chair from
25 among its membership.

26 (2) The joint legislative task force shall review the following
27 issues:

28 (a) Requirements for registering, certifying, or licensing heating,
29 ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics;

30 (b) Methods of registering or licensing contractors who qualify for
31 two or more registrations or licenses;

1 (c) Establishing at least three levels of HVAC/R mechanics, with
2 the ability to be certified in several specialities including gas
3 piping, sheet metal, and refrigeration;

4 (d) The on-the-job experience requirements for each mechanic level;

5 (e) The methods by which apprentices and other persons learning to
6 perform heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration work
7 obtain training certificates;

8 (f) Exemptions to the registering, certification, or licensing
9 requirements; and

10 (g) Such other factors the joint legislative task force deems
11 necessary.

12 (3) Legislative members of the joint legislative task force shall
13 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
14 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or
15 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in
16 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 (4) The expenses of the joint legislative task force shall be paid
18 jointly by the senate and the house of representatives.

19 (5) The joint legislative task force shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2008.

21 (6) This section expires July 1, 2008."

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26 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "work;" strike the remainder
27 of the title and insert "creating a new section; and providing an
28 expiration date."

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EFFECT: Creates a joint legislative task force to study the
heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry.