
Commerce & Labor Committee

SSB 5688

Brief Description: Modifying who may receive industrial insurance claimants' notices, orders, or warrants.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Kline).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Allows written notices, orders, or warrants under the Industrial Insurance Act to be forwarded to a claimant in care of a representative before an appealable order has been entered on a claim.

Hearing Date: 3/22/07

Staff: Sarah Beznoska (786-7109).

Background:

Under the Industrial Insurance Act (Act), written notices, orders or warrants must be forwarded directly to the claimant until an order that is appealable to the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals is entered on a claim. The Act specifically states that written notices, orders, or warrants must not be forwarded to, or in care of, any representative of a claimant prior to an appealable order.

Summary of Bill:

In addition to being forwarded directly to the claimant until an appealable order is entered, written notices, orders, or warrants may be forwarded to the claimant in care of a representative before an order has been entered on the claim if the claimant designates the name and the address of the representative in writing.

Rules Authority: The bill does not address the rule-making powers of an agency.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.