
SENATE BILL 5908

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of the outcomes of injured workers; and
2 creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of labor and industries
5 shall conduct a study of the outcomes of injured workers found
6 employable and not eligible for vocational rehabilitation benefits.
7 The outcomes to be studied shall include the injured workers'
8 employment status at the time the study is conducted, and the injured
9 workers' economic status at the time the study is conducted compared to
10 their economic status prior to injury.

11 (2) The department shall contract with an independent researcher,
12 approved by the labor and business members of the workers' compensation
13 advisory committee, to conduct the study.

14 (3) In conducting the study, the researcher selected shall consider
15 the following:

16 (a) The employment history of the injured worker found to be
17 employable two years and four years after the worker's claim was
18 closed;

1 (b) The number of injured workers found to be employable by the
2 department who later receive other forms of public assistance; and

3 (c) Innovative programs in other jurisdictions that have gainful
4 employment statutes without a minimum wage component.

5 (4) The department shall report to the workers' compensation
6 advisory committee on the results of the study on or before July 1,
7 2008.

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