

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESB 6158

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As of Second Reading

**Title:** An act relating to delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.

**Brief Description:** Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.

**Sponsors:** Senators Keiser, Brown, Prentice and Tom.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

None.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delays implementation of the family leave insurance program for three years.</li></ul>
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**Background:**

In 2007 the Legislature enacted Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5659 and established a framework for a family leave insurance program. The framework specified that benefit payments and reporting requirements be implemented beginning on certain dates.

Beginning on October 1, 2009, benefits of \$250 per week for up to five weeks are payable to individuals who are unable to perform their regular or customary work because they are on family leave.

Beginning on September 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, reports on program participation, premium rates, fund balances, and outreach efforts must be submitted to the Legislature.

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**Summary of Bill:**

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Implementation of the family leave insurance program is delayed for three years. Benefits are payable beginning October 1, 2012 (instead of October 1, 2009). Annual reports must be submitted to the Legislature beginning September 1, 2013 (instead of September 1, 2010).

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available for substitute Senate bill.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

None.

**Persons Testifying:** None.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.