

SB 5850-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires domestic employers of foreign workers and international labor recruitment agencies to provide a disclosure statement to foreign workers who have been referred to or hired by a Washington employer.

Authorizes the department of labor and industries to create a model disclosure form and post the model form on its web site so that domestic employers of foreign workers and international labor recruitment agencies may download the form, or mail the form upon request.

Requires the office of crime victims advocacy to supply the medical quality assurance commission, the examining board of psychology, and the mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory committee with information on methods of recognizing victims of human trafficking, what services are available for these victims, and where to report potential trafficking violations.

Provides that the act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SSB 5850

May 14, 2009

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5850 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to protecting workers from human trafficking violations."

Section 4 applies the Consumer Protection Act, chapter 19.86 RCW, to violations of this law. The Consumer Protection Act is ill suited to responding to these types of issues. Employment activities are already well regulated by the Department of Labor and Industries. Violations of this law would be better directed to the statutes administered by that agency.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5850. With the exception of Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5850 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor