

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESSB 5091

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Shin; by request of Office of Financial Management).

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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, 2012, 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, 2013, and annually thereafter, reports on program participation, premium rates, fund balances, and outreach efforts must be submitted to the Legislature.

Summary: Implementation of the family leave insurance program is delayed for three years. Benefits are payable beginning October 1, 2015 (instead of October 1, 2012). Annual reports must be submitted to the Legislature beginning September 1, 2016 (instead of September 1, 2013).

Votes on Final Passage:

First Special Session

Senate	44	0
House	91	5

Effective: August 24, 2011.

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