

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5363

As of February 3, 2013

Title: An act relating to industrial insurance for horse racing employment.

Brief Description: Addressing industrial insurance for horse racing employment.

Sponsors: Senators Holmquist Newbry, Conway, Keiser, Hasegawa and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/04/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Industrial insurance premiums are generally assessed on a per hour basis. In certain horse racing employments, premiums are assessed on a per license basis at a fixed rate and are not experience rated. Trainers licensed by the Washington Horse Racing Commission (WHRC) are considered employers, and are responsible for paying the premium for grooms, exercise riders, and others.

Summary of Bill: The reference to hotwalkers is eliminated from industrial insurance provisions concerning the types of horse racing employments covered by the per-license premium assessment.

The method for computing industrial insurance rates for horse racing employments will change from a per-license basis to a basis determined by the Department of Labor and Industries and WHRC.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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