

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2444

C 168 L 16
Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Eliminating the reference to the standard industrial classification system in the worker and community right to know fund.

Sponsors: Representatives Manweller, Sells and Kilduff; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards
Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background:

The Worker and Community Right to Know Act (Right to Know Act) requires the state to establish a comprehensive program for disclosing information about hazardous substances in the workplace and community. Among other things, the program assists employers in determining if hazardous substances are present in their workplace.

The program is funded through annual fee assessments to employers in industries that typically use hazardous chemicals. The Right to Know Act requires the Department of Labor and Industries (Department) to use the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code to determine which industries should be assessed a fee. The SIC system is considered obsolete and has generally been replaced with the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Summary:

For the purposes of identifying industries for the Right to Know Act fee assessment, the Department must use the NAICS rather than SIC system.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: June 9, 2016

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.