

ESHB 1109 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-3636.2/19) **474**
By Senator Schoesler

NOT ADOPTED 04/04/2019

1 On page 125, line 17, increase the accident account—state
2 appropriation by \$500,000

3 On page 125, line 19, increase the medical aid account—state
4 appropriation by \$500,000

5 On page 125, line 23, correct the total

6 On page 128, after line 39, insert the following:

7 "(18) \$500,000 of the accident account—state appropriation and
8 \$500,000 of the medical aid account—state appropriation are provided
9 solely for the department to contract with a southeastern Washington
10 city's chamber of commerce conducting a Latino workforce project for
11 a research study to identify psychosocial issues impacting Latinos in
12 the state-funded workers' compensation system. The chamber of
13 commerce shall partner with the pacific northwest center for Mestizo
14 and indigenous research and engagement at the Washington State
15 University to conduct the study. The study must identify barriers
16 that impede injured Latino workers from returning to work. The study
17 must also identify linguistically and culturally appropriate safety
18 and return to work initiatives and other tools to minimize industrial
19 injuries and facilitate timely return to work among the Latino
20 workforce. The chamber of commerce shall submit a report on the
21 study's findings to the legislature by June 30, 2021."

EFFECT: Provides funding to the Department of Labor & Industries to contract for a research study on psychosocial issues impacting Latinos in the state funded Workers' Compensation system.

FISCAL IMPACT (2019-2021): \$0 Near General Fund—State/\$1,000,000
Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EFFECT: \$0 Near General Fund—State

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