

**SB 5438 - DIGEST**

Declares it to be in the public interest to clarify the state's role in the H-2A temporary agricultural program to provide: (1) Adequate protection for foreign and domestic workers; and

(2) Education and outreach opportunities to help growers maintain the stable workforce they need.

Creates the office of H-2A compliance and farm labor within the employment security department.

Requires an employer to submit an H-2A application to the department and pay a fee for each H-2A application submitted to the department.

Requires the commissioner of the employment security department to appoint an advisory committee to review issues and topics of interest related to this act.

Creates the H-2A enforcement account.