

**EHB 1837** - S AMD **1442**

By Senator Braun

1 Beginning on page 2, line 31, strike all of section 2 and insert  
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of labor and industries is  
4 directed to review workers' compensation claims data for claim years  
5 2011 through 2020 to determine, by year, with state fund and self-  
6 insured results listed separately, the number of musculoskeletal  
7 injuries reported, the number and cost of medical claims resulting  
8 from musculoskeletal injuries, the number and cost of compensable  
9 time-loss days due to musculoskeletal injuries, the number and amount  
10 of full or partial permanent disability awards arising from  
11 musculoskeletal injury claims, and the percent of all compensable  
12 claims and claim costs resulting from musculoskeletal injury claims.  
13 The data must also be reported by industry and job classification.  
14 The department must report its findings to the house labor and  
15 workplace standards committee and to the senate labor, commerce, and  
16 tribal affairs committee no later than September 30, 2023, with a  
17 recommendation about whether repealing RCW 49.17.360 (ergonomics  
18 initiative—intent) and 2004 c 1 s 1, and RCW 49.17.370 (ergonomics  
19 initiative—definition—rule repeal) and 2004 c 1 s 2, would  
20 measurably reduce musculoskeletal injury claims overall or in any  
21 particular industry or job classification."

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22 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "injuries;" strike the  
23 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

**EFFECT:** Removes the bill's repeal of the restriction on  
regulating work-related musculoskeletal disorders and ergonomics, and  
instead directs the Department of Labor and Industries to provide to  
the Legislative labor committees by September 30, 2023:

(1) Various data related to workers' compensation claims and musculoskeletal injuries; and

(2) A recommendation on whether repealing the restriction would measurably reduce musculoskeletal injury claims.

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