

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5091

As Passed House:
May 25, 2011

Title: An act relating to delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.

Brief Description: Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Shin; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

None.

First Special Session

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 5/25/11, 91-5.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill

- Delays implementation of the family leave insurance program for three years.

Staff: Jill Reinmuth (786-7134).

Background:

In 2007 a framework for a family leave insurance program was enacted, and in 2009, implementation of the program was delayed. The framework provides that, beginning on October 1, 2012, benefits of up to \$250 per week for up to five weeks are payable to individuals who are unable to perform their regular or customary work because they are on family leave. Beginning on September 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, reports on program participation, premium rates, fund balances, and outreach efforts must be submitted to the Legislature.

Summary of Bill:

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Implementation of the family leave insurance program is delayed for three years. Benefits are payable beginning October 1, 2015 (instead of October 1, 2012). Annual reports must be submitted to the Legislature beginning September 1, 2016 (instead of September 1, 2013).

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available for original bill.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.