

HB 1837 - H AMD 1079

By Representative Chambers

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 20, after "**Sec. 2.**" strike all
2 material through "s 2" on line 25 and insert "The department of labor
3 and industries is directed to review workers' compensation claims data
4 for claim years 2011 through 2020 to determine, by year, with state
5 fund and self-insured results listed separately, the number of
6 musculoskeletal injuries reported, the number and cost of medical
7 claims resulting from musculoskeletal injuries, the number and cost of
8 compensable time-loss days due to musculoskeletal injuries, the number
9 and amount of full- or partial permanent disability awards arising
10 from musculoskeletal injury claims, and the percent of all compensable
11 claims and claim costs resulting from musculoskeletal injury claims.
12 The data must also be reported by industry and job classification. The
13 department must report its findings to the house labor and workplace
14 standards committee and to the senate labor, commerce, and tribal
15 affairs committee no later than September 30, 2023, with a
16 recommendation about whether repealing RCW 49.17.360 (ergonomics
17 initiative-intent) and 2004 c 1 s 1, and RCW 49.17.270 (ergonomics
18 initiative-definition-rule repeal) and 2004 c 1 s 2, would measurably
19 reduce musculoskeletal injury claims overall or in any particular
20 industry or job classification"

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22 Correct the title.

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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:

- various data related to workers' compensation claims and musculoskeletal injuries; and

- a recommendation on whether repealing the restriction would measurably reduce musculoskeletal injury claims.

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