

1607-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives McMorris, Thompson, Dyer, Sheldon, Boldt, Honeyford, Lisk, Clements, Mulliken and Mielke)

Brief Title: Providing for industrial insurance self-insurers to determine benefits for permanent disability.

HB 1607-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises RCW 51.32.055 relating to determination of benefits for permanent partial disability by industrial insurance self-insurers.

Directs the department of labor and industries to review the permanent partial disability claims closure activity by self-insured employers authorized under RCW 51.32.055(9) through at least June 30, 1999. The department must also review the claims closure activity by the self-insured section of the department for the same period. The review of these activities must include the number and types of claims closed, protested, reconsidered, and appealed, and the results of such activities, including the results of injured worker satisfaction surveys conducted by the department. the department must report on its review to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than January 1, 2000.