

Commerce & Labor Committee

HB 1598

Brief Description: *Repealing hourly requirements for waterfront operations.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Conway and Clements.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Repeals the limit on hours that longshore workers may work without a rest period.*

Hearing Date: *2/9/01*

Staff: *Jill Reinmuth (786-7134).*

Background:

Under state law an employer may not permit a longshore worker to operate equipment for loading or unloading cargo from ships and other watercraft for a period of more than 12.5 hours without a rest period of eight hours. This limit does not apply in an emergency.

Summary of Bill:

The limit on hours that longshore workers may work without a rest period is repealed.

Rules Authority: *The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule-making powers of an agency.*

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not requested.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*