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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5831

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State of Washington

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By Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Keiser, and Murray)

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1 AN ACT Relating to certification of heating, ventilation, air  
2 conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and mechanics; creating a  
3 new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on  
6 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration is  
7 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

8 (i) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate economic  
9 development, trade, and management committee;

10 (ii) The chair and ranking minority member of the house commerce  
11 and labor committee;

12 (iii) Four members representing the heating, ventilating, air  
13 conditioning, and refrigeration industry, selected from nominations  
14 submitted by statewide business organizations representing a  
15 cross-section of industries and appointed jointly by the president of  
16 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives; and

17 (iv) Four members representing labor, selected from nominations  
18 submitted by statewide labor organizations representing a cross-section

1 of industries and appointed jointly by the president of the senate and  
2 the speaker of the house of representatives.

3 (b) In addition, the department of labor and industries shall  
4 cooperate with the joint legislative task force and maintain a liaison  
5 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member. The department shall  
6 cooperate with the joint legislative task force and provide information  
7 as the joint legislative task force may reasonably request.

8 (c) The joint legislative task force shall choose its chair from  
9 among its membership.

10 (2) The joint legislative task force shall review the following  
11 issues:

12 (a) Requirements for registering, certifying, or licensing heating,  
13 ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics;

14 (b) Methods of registering or licensing contractors who qualify for  
15 two or more registrations or licenses;

16 (c) Establishing at least three levels of HVAC/R mechanics, with  
17 the ability to be certified in several specialities including gas  
18 piping, sheet metal, and refrigeration;

19 (d) The on-the-job experience requirements for each mechanic level;

20 (e) The methods by which apprentices and other persons learning to  
21 perform heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration work  
22 obtain training certificates;

23 (f) Exemptions to the registering, certification, or licensing  
24 requirements; and

25 (g) Such other factors the joint legislative task force deems  
26 necessary.

27 (3) Legislative members of the joint legislative task force shall  
28 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.  
29 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or  
30 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
31 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

32 (4) The expenses of the joint legislative task force shall be paid  
33 jointly by the senate and the house of representatives.

34 (5) The joint legislative task force shall report its findings and  
35 recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2009.

36 (6) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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