

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2661

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As Reported By House Committee On:  
Agriculture & Rural Development

**Title:** An act relating to crop liens for furnishing work or labor.

**Brief Description:** Extending the time for filing and sending notice for crop liens for furnishing work or labor.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hansen and Rayburn.

**Brief History:**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members:  
Representatives Rayburn, Chair; Kremen, Vice Chair;  
Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; Chappell; Grant; Lisk;  
McMorris and Roland.

**Staff:** Kenneth Hirst (786-7105).

**Background:** A person with a crop lien established by state law for those who furnish work or labor upon the land used to grow the crop must file a lien statement with the Department of Licensing. The lien must be filed after the commencement of the work or labor and within 20 days of the cessation of the work or labor.

**Summary of Bill:** The period during which a crop lien for work or labor must be filed with the Department of Licensing is extended by 10 days. It must now be filed within 30 (rather than 20) days of the cessation of the work or labor.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** If a processor makes payments on a 15-day cycle, a person may not be aware that he or she is not going to be paid until after the 20-day period for filing the lien has expired.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Representative Hansen (in favor); and Louis Meisner.