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**HB 1837** - H AMD **1073**

By Representative Vick

**NOT ADOPTED 02/14/2022**

On page 2, after line 19, insert the following:

"**Sec. 2.** RCW 49.17.370 and 2004 c 1 s 2 (Initiative Measure No. 841, approved November 4, 2003) are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of this section, "state ergonomics regulations" are defined as the rules addressing musculoskeletal disorders, adopted on May 26, 2000, by the director of the department of labor and industries, and codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through 296-62-05176. The state ergonomics regulations, filed on May 26, 2000, by the director and codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through 296-62-05176 are repealed. ((~~The~~))Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the director shall not have the authority to adopt any new or amended rules dealing with musculoskeletal disorders, or that deal with the same or similar activities as these rules being repealed, until and to the extent required by congress or the federal occupational safety and health administration.

(2) The director may only adopt rules dealing with musculoskeletal disorders for state agencies for a specific activity or injury, and such rules must be approved by the legislature prior to their effective date. The director is encouraged to work with targeted industries to develop technical assistance programs and conduct pilot projects for specific activities or injuries."

On page 2, beginning on line 20, strike all of section 2

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 provides limited authority to the Department of Labor and Industries to adopt specific rules for state agencies, with approval by the Legislature. |

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