

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 6361

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor*

Title: An act relating to the industrial insurance labor-management cooperation program.

Brief Description: Continuing the industrial insurance labor-management cooperation program.

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Anderson, McMullen and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Labor & Industries).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor, February 27, 1992, DP.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE & LABOR**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 10 members: Representatives Heavey, Chair; G. Cole, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Lisk, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Franklin; Jones; R. King; O'Brien; Prentice; and Vance.

Staff: Chris Cordes (786-7117).

Background: In 1991, the Legislature authorized the Department of Labor and Industries to promote and support labor-management cooperation committees to address issues in the industrial insurance system. During its first year, the program assisted the formation of four labor-management committees, developed materials to guide the committees, adopted department rules for the program, and began the publication of a newsletter.

The program terminates June 30, 1992.

Summary of Bill: The industrial insurance labor-management program is codified and the June 30, 1992, expiration date for the program is repealed.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This program has proved to be a model program. It is successful and popular with both labor and business. It should be made permanent.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Senator Ann Anderson, prime sponsor.