

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6361

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*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.

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industrial insurance labor-management program is codified and the June 30, 1992, expiration date for the program is repealed.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