HOUSE BILL 1244

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By Representatives Heavey, Cole, R. King, Winsley, Jones, Prentice, O'Brien, R. Meyers, Ebersole and Rasmussen.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to employers' payment of industrial insurance
- 2 premiums and unemployment compensation contributions; and creating a
- 3 new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislative budget committee shall
- 6 investigate the practice by some construction contractors of avoiding
- 7 employer obligations for industrial insurance premiums and unemployment
- 8 compensation contributions under RCW 51.08.180, 50.04.140, and
- 9 50.04.145 by requiring workers employed by them to register under RCW
- 10 18.27.020 as contractors. The committee shall, by December 1, 1991,
- 11 submit a report to the legislature on the extent of the practice and
- 12 the amount of funds lost to the state and make recommendations for
- 13 legislative or agency action.