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By Representatives Heavey, G. Cole, and Conway

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 41.56.160 and 1983 c 58 ú 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission is empowered and directed to prevent any unfair labor practice and to issue appropriate remedial orders((÷—PROVIDED, That)). However, a complaint shall not be processed for any unfair labor practice occurring more than six months before the filing of the complaint with the commission. ((This)) The commission shall establish an expedited review and hearing process for a disciplinary action against a public employee for participating in a strike or honoring a picket line. The power granted in this section shall not be affected or impaired by any means of adjustment, mediation or conciliation in labor disputes that have been or may hereafter be established by law."

EFFECT: The amendment strikes the provisions of the bill that would have established an unfair labor practice if a public employer or a bargaining representative disciplined an employee for engaging in certain activities related to a labor dispute. Under the amendment, the Public Employment Relations Commission is directed to establish an expedited process for hearing cases involving a disciplinary action against a public employee for participating in a strike or for honoring a picket line.

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