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Sponsor(s): Representatives Conway and Clements

Brief Title: Addressing occupational safety and health impact grants.

HB 2232.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the director, in consultation with the WISHA advisory committee, shall establish a program to provide safety and health impact grants to prevent injuries and illnesses, save lives, and educate all Washington employees and employers about workplace hazards and safe workplace practices. The intent of this act is to benefit, in the broadest sense possible, Washington workers and employers, especially those who are in small business and may lack the injury and illness prevention resources that larger companies may possess. The department may use appropriated industrial insurance funds to accomplish the purpose of this act. Funding for this program will be out of the reserves of the medical aid fund which are in excess of actuarial needs.

Requires the director to appoint a safety and health impact grant review committee that will be a subcommittee of the WISHA advisory committee.

Requires the director and representatives from the WISHA advisory committee to perform a comprehensive review of the grant program and shall issue a report for the legislature not later than December 31, 2004.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.