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Brief Description: Compensating highway and ferry workers for motorist assault.

SB 5513 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides a supplementary program to reimburse employees of the department for some of their costs attributable to their being the victims of assault by motorists.

Declares that an employee is entitled to receive the reimbursement provided in this act only if the secretary finds that each of the following has occurred:

(1) A motorist has assaulted the employee who is engaged in highway construction or maintenance along a roadway right-of-way (fence line to fence line, landscaped areas) or service of the vessel as a maritime employee or terminal employee engaged in the loading or unloading of passenger vehicles and as a result the employee has sustained demonstrated physical injuries that have required the employee to miss one or more days of work;

(2) The assault is not attributable to any extent to the employee's negligence, misconduct, or failure to comply with any rules or conditions of employment; and

(3) The department of labor and industries has approved the employee's workers' compensation application under chapter 51.32 RCW, or for maritime employees the department of transportation risk management office has approved maintenance and cure benefits under 46 U.S.C. Sec. 688 et seq.