

ESSB 5831 - H AMD 1571

By Representative Conway

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) Whereas it is necessary for the
4 public health and safety to create statewide contractor
5 registration and mechanic certification requirements, a joint
6 legislative task force on the heating, ventilating, air
7 conditioning, and refrigeration industry is established, with
8 members as provided in this subsection.

9 (i) The chair and the ranking member of the senate labor,
10 commerce, research and development committee.

11 (ii) The chair and the ranking member of the house commerce and
12 labor committee.

13 (iii) The majority leader of the senate shall appoint one
14 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

15 (iv) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
16 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
17 representatives.

18 (v) Four members representing business, selected from
19 nominations submitted by business organizations representing
20 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration
21 contractors and appointed jointly by the majority leader of the
22 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. At least
23 one business representative shall be from a county that has a
24 contiguous border with another state;

25 (vi) Four members representing labor, selected from nominations
26 submitted by statewide labor organizations representing heating,
27 ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration trades and
28 appointed jointly by the majority leader of the senate and the
29 speaker of the house of representatives. At least one labor

1 representative shall be from a county that has a contiguous border
2 with another state; and

3 (vii) One member representing the department of labor and
4 industries.

5 (b) The cochairs of the task force shall be the chair of the
6 senate labor, commerce, research and development committee, and the
7 chair of the house commerce and labor committee.

8 (2) The joint legislative task force shall review the following
9 issues in the context of the framework set forth in Senate Bill No.
10 5831 and Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee Report No.
11 05-12 on HVAC/R licensing and testing requirements:

12 (a) Requirements for certifying heating, ventilating, air
13 conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics;

14 (b) Methods of registering heating, ventilating, air
15 conditioning, and refrigeration contractors who qualify for two or
16 more registrations or licenses;

17 (c) Establishing at least three levels of heating, ventilating,
18 air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics, with the ability to
19 be certified in several specialities including: (i) Heating,
20 ventilating, and air conditioning; (ii) refrigeration; and (iii)
21 gas piping;

22 (d) The experience requirements for each mechanic level;

23 (e) The methods by which apprentices and other persons learning
24 to perform heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and
25 refrigeration work obtain training certificates;

26 (f) Exemptions to the registration or certification
27 requirements; and

28 (g) Such other factors the joint legislative task force deems
29 necessary.

30 (3) Legislative members of the joint legislative task force
31 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
32 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members, except those representing an
33 employer or organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel
34 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

35 (4) The expenses of the joint legislative task force shall be
36 paid jointly by the senate and the house of representatives.

37 (5) The joint legislative task force shall report its findings
38 and recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2008.

39 (6) This section expires January 1, 2009."

Correct the title.

EFFECT:

Task Force

- Specifies that the task force is established because it is necessary for the public health and safety to create statewide contractor registration and mechanic certification requirements.
- Requires the task force to review issues in the context set forth in SB 5831 and the JLARC report from 2005.
- Uses "registration" when referring to contractors and "certification" when referring to mechanics (instead of registration, certification, and licensing).

Members

- Provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research, & Development Committee (instead of the Senate Economic Development, Trade, & Management Committee) are members.
- Adds four legislative members from the two largest caucuses of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- Requires that the four business members be selected from nominations submitted by organizations representing HVAC/R contractors, and that at least one business member be from a border county.
- Requires that the four labor members be selected from nominations submitted by labor organizations representing HVAC/R trades, and that at least one labor member be from a border county.
- Requires that one member represent the Department of Labor and Industries (instead of requiring the Department to maintain a liaison representative).

Cochairs

- Specifies that the chairs of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research, & Development Committee and the House Commerce & Labor Committee be the cochairs of the task force.

Dates

- Changes the due date for the report to December 1, 2008 (instead of January 1, 2009), and the expiration date to January 1, 2009 (instead of July 1, 2009).