

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6883

As of February 2, 2008

Title: An act relating to industrial insurance disability pensions.

Brief Description: Providing volunteer work for a public agency may not serve as a basis for suspending or terminating industrial insurance benefits.

Sponsors: Senator Swecker.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/05/08.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Under Washington's Industrial Insurance Act, workers with permanent disabilities are entitled to a permanent disability award or a monthly pension. If diminution of the disability occurs, L&I may adjust the rate of compensation. If a worker receiving a pension for total disability returns to gainful employment, L&I can suspend or terminate the rate of compensation without producing medical evidence that shows a diminution of disability of a worker.

Summary of Bill: A worker receiving a pension for total disability may perform volunteer work for a public agency up to 40 hours per week.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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