
**Labor & Workforce Development
Committee**

HB 2501

Brief Description: Concerning registration requirements for contractors.

Sponsors: Representatives Ormsby and Sells.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires contractor registration applicants to complete a contractor pre-registration training program or pay an additional \$200.

Hearing Date: 1/30/14

Staff: Joan Elgee (786-7106).

Background:

General and specialty contractors must register with the Department of Labor and Industries (Department). To register as a contractor, an applicant submits an application under oath that includes a unified business identifier (UBI) and the name and address of each business owner. If the applicant will have employees in Washington, the applicant must also show evidence of workers' compensation coverage. Registration also requires payment of a fee and filing of a bond and proof of insurance. The fee is \$113.40 and is set by rule.

Summary of Bill:

Applicants who do not complete a contractor pre-registration training program must pay an additional \$200 to register as a contractor. Programs may be provided by the Department or by entities approved by the Department who meet criteria established in rule. An applicant must be an owner, officer, or partner of the entity applying for registration. Other program requirements are that:

- A program may not exceed six hours.

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- A program must be available at least once a month in each of the Department service delivery regions.
- No fee may be charged for a program provided by the Department.
- The Department may offer internet programs if it has proof that the applicant participated in the entire program and passes a test showing he or she reasonably retained the information.

To register as a contractor, an applicant must submit evidence of a workers' compensation account and an Employment Security Department (ESD) account, regardless of whether the applicant has employees at the time of registration.

The Department of Revenue and the ESD must assist the Department in presenting the program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.