

**HB 1837 - H AMD 1093**

By Representative Goehner

**NOT ADOPTED 02/15/2022**

1 On page 2, after line 19, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 49.17.370 and 2004 c 1 s 2 (Initiative Measure No.  
3 841, approved November 4, 2003) are each amended to read as follows:  
4 For the purposes of this section, "state ergonomics regulations"  
5 are defined as the rules addressing musculoskeletal disorders,  
6 adopted on May 26, 2000, by the director of the department of labor  
7 and industries, and codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through  
8 296-62-05176. The state ergonomics regulations, filed on May 26,  
9 2000, by the director and codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through  
10 296-62-05176 are repealed. ((The))For agricultural employers, the  
11 director shall not have the authority to adopt any new or amended  
12 rules dealing with musculoskeletal disorders, or that deal with the  
13 same or similar activities as these rules being repealed, until and  
14 to the extent comparable rules applying to agricultural employers  
15 are required by congress or the federal occupational safety and  
16 health administration."

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18 On page 2, beginning on line 20, strike all of section 2

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20 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Removes the bill's repeal of the restriction on regulating work-related musculoskeletal disorders and ergonomics, and instead provides that the Department of Labor and Industries may not adopt similar rules for agricultural employers until and to the extent comparable rules applying to agricultural employers are required by the federal government.

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