

**HB 1837** - H AMD 1100

By Representative Schmick

**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10 296-62-05176 are repealed.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 director shall not have the authority  
11 to adopt any new or amended rules dealing with musculoskeletal  
12 disorders, or that deal with the same or similar activities as these  
13 rules being repealed, (~~until and to the extent required by congress~~  
14 ~~or the federal occupational safety and health administration~~)until  
15 causation and remedies have been conclusively established by a  
16 preponderance of the medical and scientific community."

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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 until causation and remedies have been  
conclusively established by a preponderance of the medical and  
scientific community.

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