

SHB 1427 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-1604.2/23) **416**

By Representative Dye

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1 On page 8, line 30 of the striking amendment, after "(5)" insert
2 "The attorney general's office must notify the department of labor and
3 industries if a solar energy contractor is the subject of three or
4 more consumer protection complaints in a one-year period. The attorney
5 general's office must investigate the complaints and then notify the
6 department of labor and industries once the investigation is
7 completed. Upon notification by the attorney general's office, the
8 department of labor and industries must initiate a proceeding that
9 affords an appropriate level of due process to temporarily suspend the
10 solar energy contractor's license for a period that is the lesser of
11 90 days or until the attorney general's office completes the
12 investigation of the complaints. The department of labor and
13 industries may write rules for such proceedings to the extent that
14 existing law does not provide such authority. If the solar energy
15 contractor does not hold a license under the purview of the department
16 of labor and industries, the attorney general's office must consider
17 filing legal action to enforce the provisions of this chapter and
18 other state law to help keep the Washington marketplace free of unfair
19 and deceptive practices.

20 (6)"

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22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
23 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Requires the Attorney General's Office (AGO) to notify
the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) if three or more

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consumer protection complaints are filed against a solar energy contractor within one year, to investigate the complaints, and to notify L&I when the investigation is complete. Requires L&I to initiate a proceeding with an appropriate level of due process to suspend the solar energy contractor's license for 90 days or when the AGO completes the investigation, whichever is earlier. Authorizes L&I to write rules for such proceedings. Requires the AGO to consider filing legal action against solar energy contractors who have three or more complaints filed against them within a year and who are not licensed under L&I.

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