SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5408

State of Washington69th Legislature2025 Regular SessionBy Senate Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senator King)READ FIRST TIME 02/10/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing for corrections to wage and salary 2 disclosures; and amending RCW 49.58.110.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 Sec. 1. RCW 49.58.110 and 2022 c 242 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1)The employer must disclose in each posting for each job 7 opening the wage scale or salary range, and a general description of all of the benefits and other compensation to be offered to the hired 8 applicant. For the purposes of this section, "posting" means any 9 10 solicitation intended to recruit job applicants for a specific 11 available position, including recruitment done directly by an 12 employer or indirectly through a third party, and includes any postings done electronically, or with a printed hard copy, that 13 14 includes qualifications for desired applicants.

(2) Upon request of an employee offered an internal transfer to a new position or promotion, the employer must provide the wage scale or salary range for the employee's new position.

18 (3) This section only applies to employers with 15 or more 19 employees.

20 (4) (a) A job applicant or an employee is entitled to the remedies 21 in RCW 49.58.060 and 49.58.070 for violations of this section_L

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1 subject to (b) of this subsection. Recovery of any wages and interest must be calculated from the first date wages were owed to the 2 3 employee. (b) Any individual may provide written notice to an employer 4 alleging that the employer's job posting does not comply with 5 6 subsection (1) of this section. This written notice must be provided prior to a job applicant seeking remedies in RCW 49.58.060 and 7 49.58.070. Once the employer receives notice from any individual as 8 to a particular job posting, this constitutes adequate notice for the 9 duration of that job posting for any job applicant to seek remedies 10 pursuant to RCW 49.58.060 and 49.58.070. If the employer corrects the 11 posting within 14 calendar days of receiving the written notice, and 12 where applicable, contacts the third-party job posting entity with a 13 demand to correct the insufficient job posting, no penalties, 14 15 damages, or other relief may be assessed to the employer.

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