

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler
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Meeting Dates:	4/9, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes the January 1, 2008 sunset on statute relating to fall protection for workers engaged in steel erection at the regulated federal standard height of 30 feet. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of HB 3010 (2003)
- Working conditions of ironworkers
- Effects from the federal rule
- Statistics regarding effects of HB 3010 and the federal rule

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2003 Legislative Assembly enacted HB 3010, which prohibited the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services from requiring fall protection for steel erectors beyond what is required in federal regulation. Steel erection differs from general construction due to the narrowness of the working surface, its location above rather than below the rest of the structure, and a minimum distance of approximately 15 feet to the next lower level. For many steel erectors, particularly connectors which join steel pieces together, the work starts at the top level of the structure. The measure included a sunset provision of January 1, 2008 for the prohibition to be removed.

The federal standard for the “trigger height” for fall protection requirements for steel erector connectors and deckers is 30 feet. HB 3400 removes the sunset, allowing the current federal standard to continue.