

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/29, 2/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Rewrites the Employment's Department authorization for disclosing confidential information. Allows increased access to aggregate information about industries. Clarifies that disclosure to the U.S. Attorney's Office can be made in response to a federal grand jury subpoena.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds the clarification that disclosure to the U.S. Attorney's Office can be made in response to a federal grand jury subpoena.

**BACKGROUND:** The Employment Department is currently authorized to release confidential information to other agencies. The Department of Justice has indicated that the current wording of the authorization to release information is vague. SB 197 seeks to clarify who is authorized to obtain confidential information and who pays for it.

In addition, the bill allows disclosing aggregate information. For example, information may be disclosed that indicates whether a company is a restaurant or a truck manufacturer, the number of people who work for a local government, and economic maps showing locations of companies while not revealing their specific names, addresses, payroll, or hours worked.