

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Schaufler
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Smith P.
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/13, 5/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases the amount of damages recoverable from person acting as farm labor contractor without possessing a valid Farm and Forest Labor Contractor license or violating provisions of the Farm/Forest Labor Contractor Law from \$500 or actual damages to \$2000.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Any person who supplies farm or forest laborers for farming or reforestation is required to have a Farm and Forest Labor Contractor license from the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Currently, the penalty for failing to have a valid license or violating statutes of the Farm/Forest Labor Contractor Law is \$500 or actual damages. SB 203 increases the penalty to \$2000.

Besides acting as an unlicensed contractor, penalties can be levied for failing to provide certified payroll records as required, failing to provide workers' compensation insurance to workers, or assisting an unlicensed person to act in violation of the Farm/Forest Labor Contract Law.

A Farm and Forest Labor Contractor license is issued to those who bid or submit prices on contracts, or recruits or supplies workers for the production of farm crops or the reforestation of lands. The license is valid for one year from the date of issue.