

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to recover collection fees and full wages or damages owed to a complainant when BOLI uses the Department of Revenue for collection action. Allows BOLI to charge the respondent collection fees and full wages or damages owed due to either court order or a final order. Amends civil rights and wage and hour laws to provide for recovery of collection fees and full wages or damages owed to the complainant. Limits authority to collect fees, and wages or damages owed, to proceedings in which BOLI has obtained judgment and all appeals have been exhausted.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) has jurisdiction over wage claims and civil rights violations, which can result in judgments for wages or penalties owed to a complainant and are the result of either the issuance of a court order or a final order issued by the bureau in a contested case proceeding.

BOLI has the authority to refer a judgment against a respondent to the Department of Revenue or a private collection agency for non-payment. Current law allows BOLI to charge respondent fees incurred in the collection of a judgment if a private collection agency is used, but does not allow a respondent to be charged for incurred fees if the Department of Revenue is used to collect on the judgment. SB 60 provides BOLI with the ability to recover the collection fees incurred, and full wages and damages owed, if BOLI refers collection to the Department of Revenue. The measure does not alter the bureau's current ability to recover collection fees when using a private collection agency.