

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
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Meeting Dates: 5/11, 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a home care worker who is a party in a contested case hearing conducted by the Department of Human Services to be represented by a labor union representative.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether a worker can deny representation by their labor union
- Average wages for a homecare worker
- Whether measure conforms to similar statutes
- Occupational and educational background of administrative law judges
- Representation at unemployment insurance hearings
- Regulation of home care workers
- Examples of labor union representation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute gives home care workers the right to be represented by attorneys in contested case hearings. However, they do not have the right of representation by their labor union representative.

SB 383 allows workers to be represented by representatives of the workers' union, who may or may not be attorneys.