

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Cameron, Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Jan Nordlund, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/24, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts meetings of the Interagency Compliance Network (ICN) from the public meetings law. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent of 2009 legislation (House Bill 2815) creating ICN
- Moving hearings of employer determinations to the Office of Administrative Hearings, out of Tax Court
- Office of Administrative Hearings is housed within but separate from Employment Department
- Public meetings law applies to boards and commissions, not agencies
- Whether records could be subpoenaed
- Whether records discussed at ICN meetings are records of individual agencies or the ICN

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: The Interagency Compliance Network (ICN) was created by legislation passed in 2009 (House Bill 2815). It directs seven state agencies to work together to improve compliance with tax and employment law, specifically with respect to the classification of workers as independent contractors and cash payments to workers. The ICN was directed to establish consistency in agency determinations, gather and share information, develop investigative methods for audits, conduct joint audits, create a coordinated enforcement process, and engage in public outreach efforts to educate the public.

The seven agencies in the ICN are Employment, Revenue, Consumer and Business Services, Justice, Bureau of Labor and Industries, Construction Contractors Board, and Landscape Contractors Board.