

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 20 – 5 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, Whisnant

Nays: Freeman, G. Smith, Thatcher

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Girod, Thomsen

Exc:

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Meeting Date: May 27, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Senate Bill 5556 amends the statutory fee structure for the Employment Relations Board's mediation and unfair labor practices' fees. The mediation fee moves from a flat fee of \$1,000 to a graduated fee schedule based on the number of mediations. The unfair labor practice fee increases from \$250 to \$300. The two fees are expected to generate a combined total of \$23,250 in new revenue.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Employment Relations Board Funding Workgroup
- Purpose of the fee increase
- Revenue expectation
- Use of revenue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the bill.

BACKGROUND: The Employment Relations Board Funding Workgroup reach consensus on increasing the mediation and unfair labor practice fees that are proposed in this measure.