

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. McKeown
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Shields

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 19 – 5 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna, McLane

Exc: Smith

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Hansell, Monroe, Rosenbaum, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 24, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases maximum fee Bureau of Labor and Industries can establish for farm labor contractor licenses and endorsements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fee schedule unchanged since 1999
- Impact on farm labor contractors
- Licensing program activities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A farm labor contractor is a person who 1) is paid to recruit, solicit, supply or employ workers to perform reforestation labor for another; 2) is paid to recruit, solicit, supply or employ workers to gather specified plants from public lands for sale or market prior to processing or manufacture; 3) is paid to recruit, solicit, supply or employ workers on behalf of an employer engaged in these activities; 4) who furnishes food or lodging in connection with recruiting or employing workers in these activities; 5) bids on contract offers for those activities; or 6) enters into a subcontract for any of those activities.

A person may not act as a farm labor contractor without a valid license from the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). All licenses expire one year after issuance. BOLI has authority to set by rule a fee schedule for issuing and renewing licenses and indorsements; however, the Legislative Assembly has set a cap on the fee schedule. The current maximum fee ranges from \$100 to \$259, depending on the type of indorsement. House Bill 2113 increases the maximum by either \$50 or \$100, depending on the type of indorsement.