

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Read  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Hansell

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 18 – 6 – 2

House

Yeas: Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna, McLane, Richardson

Exc: Barker, Read

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 6, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires construction labor contractors to be licensed by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Establishes licensing requirements, fees and exceptions. Directs the Commissioner to administer and enforce licensing and regulatory requirements and to adopt rules. Establishes grounds for denying, suspending and revoking licenses. Specifies duties of construction labor contractors. Authorizes the Commissioner to assess civil penalties for violations. Prohibits certain actions and discrimination against employees. Creates a cause of action against persons acting as construction labor contractors without a license and against persons using an unlicensed contractor. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Prevalence of wage theft among construction labor contractors
- Impact on Temporary Staffing Businesses

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds exemption for staffing agencies who pay workers compensation insurance premiums and employment taxes.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current law, farm labor contractors must be licensed with the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and are subject to examination, insurance and bonding requirements and BOLI is authorized to assess civil penalties not to exceed \$2,000 for violations. House Bill 2977-A brings construction labor contractors under the same statutes as farm labor contractors.