

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Workforce

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Matthew Germer, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires employer to provide employee, upon hire, written work schedule. Permits employee to request flexible or predictable work schedule from employer, subject to certain restrictions. Requires employer grant employee's request for flexible or predictable work schedule unless prevented by bona fide business reason. Requires employer to post in accessible location a physical copy of work schedules of all employees. Requires employer to pay for scheduled hours of work, regardless of hours actually worked, up to a maximum of four hours. Grants Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries authority to adopt additional rules. Requires employer provide notice of schedule changes and compensate employee for changes in certain circumstances. Establishes unlawful employment practice of retaliating against employee who requests flexible or predictable schedule. Defines relevant terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

BACKGROUND: A flexible work schedule ("flex schedule") allows employees to work hours that differ from the normal company start and stop time. Flex schedules allow employees to meet family needs, personal obligations and life responsibilities conveniently.

Senate Bill 888 permits employees to request flexible or predictable work schedules from employers. Employers must grant flex schedule requests subject to an interactive process to attempt to establish a mutually acceptable work schedule. The measure also makes retaliation against employees who request a flex schedule an unlawful employment practice.