HB 2843 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Occupational Safety and Health Division of Department of Consumer and Business Services to study potential safety benefits of screening replacement workers during a lockout, strike or other labor dispute who are employed by a company with more than 100 employees in an industry involving hazardous materials. Directs Division to report findings to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2018. Defines hazardous materials.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Occupational Heath and Safety Division (Or-OSHA) of the Department of Consumer and Business Services is responsible for improving workplace safety and health. They provide consultative services to businesses; public education through workshops and materials; interpretation and advice regarding rules; analysis of hazardous substances in their nationally certified occupational health lab; and enforcement through inspections and citations.