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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee

**From:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

**Re:** HB 5016 Bureau of Labor and Industries

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**Senator Monroe:** “HB 5016 is the budget bill for the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The mission of the Bureau is to protect employment rights, advance employment opportunities and protect access to housing and public accommodations free from discrimination. The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$28,072,956 total funds and 102 positions (100.88 FTE) for the 2017-19 biennium.

The recommended budget eliminates two positions in the Wage and Hour Division, and one position in the Civil Rights division, consistent with the 2017-19 Co-Chairs existing resources framework and Target Reduction Lists. These positions include a Civil Rights Field Representative 1 position, a Field Representative position associated with the Wage and Hour Division’s live entertainment telephone line; and a Wage and Hour Division Compliance Specialist position. Expenditure limitation associated with the Heavy Highway Supportive Services program was adjusted to remove calculated inflation, as revenue to support this program comes from a contract based on a fixed amount of funding.

In recent reporting years, the Bureau has surpassed its Key Performance Measure targets related to minority participation in apprenticeship programs, and the percentage of hearings scheduled within 30 days of assignment to the Administrative Prosecution Unit, which adjudicates contested wage and hour and civil rights cases. Therefore, targets for these two measures are recommended to be adjusted, upward.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 5016 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”