

HB 2572 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Doherty

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 03/08/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Bynum, Doherty, Evans, Fahey, Hack, Heard, Holvey, Kennemer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries to issue multi-year license to qualifying farm labor contractor or construction labor contractor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Growing number of licenses to process
- Bureau does not check for proof of eligibility to work in the United States
- Definition of a valid claim for unpaid wages
- Intention to maintain level of enforcement

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that licensed labor contractor, other than as an employee under ORS 658.411, may be issued multiyear renewal when criteria are met.

BACKGROUND:

The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries issued approximately 400 farm labor contractor and construction labor contractor licenses last year to qualified individuals; the licenses expire one year from date of issuance. The Commissioner has authority to set the fee schedule for the licenses through administrative rule, although maximum fees for the farm labor contractor licenses are set in statute.

House Bill 2572-A allows the Commissioner to issue two-year or four-year license renewals if the labor contractor has operated at least two years in compliance with the laws governing labor contractors and if no valid claims for unpaid wages have been made against the contractor. The multi-year license is not available for a labor contractor's employee who is licensed as a labor contractor subject to an employee indorsement. The fee for the multi-year license shall equal the annual fee multiplied by the number of years for which the license is being renewed.