

HB 2572 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thomsen

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 05/15/17
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to issue multi-year licenses to qualifying farm labor contractors or construction labor contractors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Easing regulatory burden on labor contractors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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

House Bill 2572-A allows the BOLI Commissioner to issue two-year or four-year license renewals for farm labor contractors and construction labor contractors if the contractor has operated for at least two years in compliance with 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 endorsement. The fee for the multi-year license is to be equal to the annual fee multiplied by the number of years for which the license is being renewed.