

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2783

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Morgan

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Child labor offenses; civil penalties.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill increases the civil penalty against an employer who violates child labor laws, and the violation results in the serious injury or death of a child in the course of that employment, from \$1,000 to \$10,000. For violations not involving the serious injury or death of a child, the maximum civil penalty remains \$1,000.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See item 8 (below).

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The intent of this legislation is to encourage compliance with the laws and regulations prohibiting employment of children in hazardous occupations. There is the potential for this bill to result in an impact on revenue. However, any positive revenue impact resulting from the increase in the maximum penalty may be balanced by fewer violations occurring as a result of this bill serving as a deterrent. Therefore, the revenue impact of this bill cannot be determined. Overall, the Department of Labor and Industry estimates that any fiscal impact to the state would be minimal due to the small number of child fatalities.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Labor and Industry.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade