

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB336

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

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: Passed House

4. Title: Nonpayment of wages; investigations.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, if he acquires information during an investigation of a complaint of an employer's failure or refusal to pay wages and that information creates a reasonable belief that other employees of the same employer may not have been paid wages, to investigate whether the employer has failed or refused to make a required payment of wages to other employees. The measure also provides that if the Commissioner finds in the course of such investigation that the employer has committed a violation, the Commissioner may institute proceedings on behalf of any employee against his employer. In such proceedings, the Commissioner is not required to have obtained a written complaint of the violation or the written and signed consent of any employee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. The Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) anticipates that its Labor Law Division would be able to expand investigations. However, the agency is unable to determine how many investigations would expand to include whether an employer has failed or refused to make a required payment to other employees beyond the original complainant.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Labor and Industry.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is the companion to SB 49.