

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Dahl at 9:00 a.m. on March 12, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Don Hill- excused

Committee staff present:
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
June Evans, Committee Secretary

Others attending:
See Attached List.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced action had been planned on **SBs 483 - Employment security laws; disqualification from receipt of benefits and 440 - Employment security law, rating successor employees.** However, no action will be taken on **SB 483** but we will take action on **SB 440.**

Representative Ruff requested that the committee reconsider the employment security bills that were referred to the Advisory Council. She stated that **SB 440** is technically a clean-up bill and can be used as our omnibus employment security bill this session.

Representative Ruff moved and Representative Novascone seconded to amend the language of **SB 481** into **SB 440.** The motion carried.

Representative Ruff moved and Representative Humerickhouse seconded to amend **SB 483** into **SB 440** with technical amendments. On page 6, line 32 replace "their" with "employees". The motion carried.

Representative Ruff moved and Representative Carlin seconded to amend on page 12 lines 29, 30, 31 and 32 of **SB 410** into **SB 440.** The motion carried.

Representative Pauls moved and Representative Ruff seconded to amend **SB 483,** page 6, lines 14, 15 and 16 to read, "incarceration, resulting in absence from work for more than 3 days or longer excluding Saturday and Sunday and holidays" and strike lines 35 and 36, "Incarceration shall not be considered good cause for absence or tardiness". The motion carried.

Representative Ruff stated **SB 440** is now a well drafted piece of work for an employment security omnibus bill and asked that we all work together through the process to get it passed.

Representative Ruff moved and Representative Lane seconded the motion that **SB 440** be moved out favorably as amended. The motion carried.

Representative Swenson voted NO.

Chairman Dahl stated there would not be a meeting on Monday, but **SB 66** and **HB 2928** would have hearings on Tuesday, March 16.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be March 16, 2004.