

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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TO: Senator Natasha von Imhof
Senator Bert Stedman
Senate Finance Committee

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FROM: Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter
Commissioner

SUBJECT: CSHB 68 – SB 66
Comparison Document



As originally introduced, House Bill 68/Senate Bill 66 would combine the Divisions of Labor Standards and Safety and Workers' Compensation.

A committee substitute for House Bill 68 was adopted in the House Labor and Commerce Committee to include a 3 year sunset provision.

A second committee substitute for House Bill 68 was adopted in the House Finance Committee to include the provisions of HB 57 sponsored by Representative Tammie Wilson. Those changes include a provision to allow 14-15 year old workers an additional hour of employment during the summer hours. Current law limits allowable work hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The bill also includes two additional changes – the exemption of 16 year old workers from work permit requirements, and the exemption of work permit requirements for 14-15 year old workers in businesses owned by a grandparent. Current law makes this exemption only in cases of parent-owned businesses. The Department supports the inclusion of the HB 57 provisions.

Director Grey Mitchell of the Workers' Compensation division and Deputy Director Joe Knowles of the Labor Standards and Safety division will present the bill.