

HOUSE BACKGROUND SUMMARY

ESHB 1141

As Passed House:

March 11, 2025

Title: An act relating to placing certain agricultural workers who are engaged in cultivating, growing, harvesting, or producing cannabis under the jurisdiction of the public employment relations commission for purposes of collective bargaining.

Brief Description: Concerning collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers.

Sponsors: House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Fosse, Ryu, Leavitt, Stearns, Farivar, Berry, Reed, Ramel, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Cortes, Obras, Doglio, Bronoske, Gregerson, Simmons, Peterson, Street, Goodman, Wylie, Kloba, Ormsby, Scott and Hill).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Labor & Workplace Standards: 1/15/25, 1/22/25 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/11/25, 55-40.

Voting Yea: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Nance, Obras, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Walen, Wylie, Zahn and Jinkins

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Eslick, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mendoza, Morgan, Orcutt, Penner, Reeves, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Steele, Stokesbary, Stuebe, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Graham, Hackney and Ormsby

Persons Testifying: (In support) Representative Lillian Ortiz-Self, prime sponsor; Libby Rindal; Mike Asai, Black Excellence in Cannabis; Nate Howell; Morgan Combs; Jess Combs; and Dustin Lambro, UFCW 3000.

(Opposed) Ezra Eickmeyer; Vicki Christophersen, Washington CannaBusiness Association; Michael Gempler, Washington Growers League; and Scott Dilley, WAFLA.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.