

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 50

July 12, 1999 Hearing Room C

9:00 a.m. Tape 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bryant, Chair

Sen. Courtney

Sen. Nelson

Rep. Shetterly

Rep. Uherbelau

Rep. Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Anne Tweedt, Counsel

Judith Minnich, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 50B

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 2, A		
003	Chair Bryant	Calls meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
<u>SB 50 WORK SESSION</u>		
008	Counsel Tweedt	Discusses SB 50B which modifies the law requiring the court to award attorney fees to the prevailing plaintiff in actions for damages for personal injury or

		property damage where the amount pleaded is \$5,500 or less. SB 50B adds a provision which requires, in a contested case proceeding, an administrative hearing officer to award attorney fees and expenses to a prevailing party if the hearing officer finds that the agency did not have a reasonable basis in fact or law for issuing the order. Indicates that the ñB10 amendments remove the provisions in the bill which relate to attorneyís fees in contested case administrative hearings (EXHIBIT A).
019	Chair Bryant	Indicates that there is agreement that an interim work group would address the issues of contested case administrative hearing attorneyís fees.
024	Rep. Williams	Agrees that this would be done during the interim.
045	Rep. Williams	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 50B-B10 amendments dated 7/10/99.
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
053	Rep. Williams	MOTION: Moves SB 50B to the floor with the recommendation that the Senate concur in House amendments dated 06/07/99 and that the bill be further amended by the SB 50B ñB10 amendments and the measure be repassed.
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. COURTNEY and REP. WILLIAMS will lead discussion on the floor.
		Adjourn at 9:11 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Judith Minnich, Anne Tweedt,
Administrative Support Counsel

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 50B, -B10 amendments dated 7/10/99, 1 pp