

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Sen Boquist

SB 1580 expands criminal sanctions against employers for filing fraudulent workers comp data. No surprise big business and corporations supported the bill. Fraud should be pursued but this bill continues to protect huge corporations while discriminating against small and minority owned business with one or two owners. The criminal charge must be against a person. A human. That is easy when it is a sole proprietorship, small business, or a minority contractor. However, taking criminal fraud actions is all but impossible against large corporations. Whom would be charged? Who is the employer? Which Fortune 500 CEO would be charged? None is the answer. No DA or AG is going to criminally prosecute CEOs unless they are a political enemy by name. A new practice in some States now. A better accountability method that is not racist against minority small business and the little guy needs developed. Oddly, the Carrier of the bill said there were few cases thus not a big problem. Then why the bill? Further, online testimony links point out other serious constitutional issues. Real issues from real auditors. Thus a no vote was appropriate.

Sincerely submitted.

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