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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6929

### ***AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN STATE AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS TO FILE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED WHILE TRAVELING TO AND FROM WORK.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill extends “portal-to-portal” workers’ compensation coverage to state and municipal emergency management service employees or dispatchers if they are responding to (1) a direct order to appear at their work assignment and (2) an emergency, as determined by their employer. (Neither the bill nor existing law further defines who qualifies as these types of employees.)

Under portal-to-portal coverage, an injury that occurs while the employee is travelling to or from his or her home and workplace is deemed to have occurred in the course of the employee’s employment, making him or her eligible to receive workers’ compensation benefits for the injury. Current law provides portal-to portal coverage only to police officers and firefighters and, under limited circumstances, Department of Correction employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)