Labor and Public Employees Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 14, 2019

9:00 AM in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 AM by Chairman, Sen. Kushner J. S24.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; Miner C. S30; Osten C. S19

Representatives: Fishbein C. 090; Hall J. 007; Luxenberg G. 012; Polletta J. 068; Porter R. 094; Rutigliano D. 123; Smith R. 108; Vargas E. 006; Wilson Pheanious P. 053; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Sen. Kushner called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM and read the announcements. There were no remarks from the chairs.

III. A motion was made by Sen. Miner and seconded by Rep. Hall to reserve for subject matter public hearing the following bills:

Proposed S.B. No. 549 AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER WORK WEEKS. (PD, LAB)

Proposed S.B. No. 658 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS. (LAB)
Proposed H.B. No. 6346 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL ARBITRATION AWARDS. (PD,LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 6630 AN ACT REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS WHO INSTALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS TO COMPLETE AN ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP. (ET,LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 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. (LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 6933 AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF THE SALARY RANGE OF A VACANT EMPLOYMENT POSITION. (LAB)

The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Hall to raise the following concepts:

1. AAC UNPAID INTERNSHIPS AND STUDENT TEACHING IN A COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT
2. AAC A DISPARITY STUDY
3. AAC URBAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
4. AAC WORKFORCE INVENTMENT BOARDS
5. AAC THE WORKFORCE AND SAFE DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION
6. AAC MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ACT
7. AAC BASIC LABOR STANDARDS FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS
8. AAC TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT STATUTES
9. AA CLARIFYING EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR HOME CARE WORKERS
10. AA CLARIFYING EXISTING CONNECTICUT STATE LAW ON DIRECT SELLERS AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS
11. AAC SOCIAL WORKER TITLE PROTECTION

Sen. Miner supports the motion, but noted committee members from past years are already familiar with many of these bills but new members may require more time to become accustomed to the information and procedures. There was no further discussion.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Kushner announced the schedule for meetings and public hearings:

Tuesday, Feb. 19 Committee Meeting 9:00 AM Room 2C of the LOB
Thursday, Feb. 21 Public Hearing 2:30 PM Room 2C of the LOB
Tuesday, Feb. 26 Public Hearing 12:00 PM Room 1B of the LOB
Tuesday, March 5  Committee Meeting  9:00 AM  Room 1B of the LOB
Thursday, March 7  Public Hearing  11:00 AM  Room 1D of the LOB
Tuesday, March 14  Committee Meeting  1:30 PM  Room 1C of the LOB
Thursday, March 21  Committee Meeting  9:00 AM  Room 2B of the LOB
Tuesday, March 26  Committee Meeting  9:00 AM  Room 1D of the LOB

Chairman Kushner said the committee would stand in recess until 2:00 PM for purposes of attendance.

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Committee Clerk  Assistant Clerk
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