2011 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1062

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1062
January 11, 2011
Job #12730

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Pe Mae Kuehn

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:
Relating to legislative compensation, provide an effective date & declare an emergency.

Minutes:

Chairman Keiser: Opened the hearing on HB 1062. The Legislative Compensation Commission is composed of, each biennium in the interim they appoint, some previous legislators. These are people that have served for a while to form this Legislative Compensation Commission. They meet during the interim and bring forward a proposal relative to legislative pay. Legislative pay comes up on a regular basis. It's always a contentious issue on the floor. I can share with you that if you are going to increase pay by $4/day, don't bring it forward. For $4 a day it isn't worth it. Al Carlson, however, turned in a bill that will eliminate this Legislative Compensation Commission. We never do anything with what they suggest. Why do we have it? I would prefer that you put an amendment on this bill that would eliminate the Legislative Compensation Commission. There is no one testifying on this bill. The other alternative is to tie our pay compensation into employees. This is crazy that we go through this battle. Option 1 is we kill the bill. Option 2 is we pass the bill which I couldn't support. Option 3 is that we Hog House it, go back and put 2 amendments on it. One eliminating the commission, and two tying any pay increases in the future. This has nothing to do with housing or per diem. This is limited solely to pay and index it with employees.

Representative N Johnson: Section 6, the emergency, if you are going to do the pay, you do it for the next group. You don't do it for yourself.

Representative Amerman: The third or fourth option is to rerefer to GVA.

Representative Clark: Are you sure Rep. Carlson wasn't talking about the Employee's Compensation Committee. That he had a bill for doing away with that one?

Chairman Keiser: He may have a bill for that as well. His bill is for the Legislative Compensation Committee.

Vice Chairman Kasper: I would like to hog house it and come up with an amendment that eliminates the commission and our pay. It's an embarrassing thing every time that comes up on the floor. If we tie it to the state employees' pay, it is out there, people will know but we don't have to debate it.

Chairman Keiser: Representative Boe, you are carrying bill. What are your feelings?

Representative Boe: Completely opposite. I would just as soon kill the bill and draft stand alone legislation for whatever we want. I'm not a big fan of hog housing.

Chairman Keiser: That is an alternative with type of bill we want.

Representative Vigesaa: My thought is similar to Representative Boe, that if we kill this bill maybe the bill would go to the proper committee. I don't think this is our arena. If we kill this bill, we are out of it.

Representative Kreun: Why not put it with the employees? I would agree to hog house it or come to a new bill.

Representative Frantsvog: My suggestion is that we eliminate the Legislative Compensation Commission, tie the increase to future employees compensation increases, and not make it effective until 2013.

Chairman Keiser: You would support hog housing the bill?

Vice Chairman Kasper: Moved the Chairman appoints a committee on HB1062 to hog house the bill and eliminate the Legislative Compensation Commission and come up with a formula for tying compensation of legislatures to employee pay raises in the future and be effective for the next legislative session.

Chairman Keiser: Can't be a motion but can be a request. Let's take a poll.

Chairman Keiser: Is there a motion for a Do Not Pass?

Vice Chairman Kasper: Moved for a **Do Not Pass.**

Representative Nathe: Seconded it.

A Roll Call vote was taken on **Do Not Pass**. **Yes: 14 No: 0, Absent: 0,**

Representative Boe will carry the bill.

Do Not Pass Carries.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/03/2011

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1062

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			$194,935		$194,935	
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The bill increases legislative compensation, including compensation for regular, special, or organizational sessions and the interim compensation rate, by 3 percent per year for the 2011-13 biennium.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The following is a brief description of the fiscal impact of the measure on the budget for the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council:

Increases the compensation for regular, special, or organizational sessions from $148 to $152 per calendar day effective July 1, 2011, and $157 per calendar day effective July 1, 2012 - $158,464 from the general fund for the Legislative Assembly for the 2011-13 biennium

Increases the interim compensation rate from $148 to $152 per day effective July 1, 2011, and $157 per calendar day effective July 1, 2012 - $36,471 from the general fund for the Legislative Council for the 2011-13 biennium

Total - $194,935 from the general fund for the 2011-13 biennium

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*
   A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

N/A

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expenditure amounts reflect the estimated cost of the proposed increases for the 2011-13 biennium.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and*

appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

The 2011-13 budget requests for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council include the additional funding needed to provide for the proposed increases.

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Date: Jan 11-2011

Roll Call Vote # _____

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1062

House **House Industry, Business and Labor** Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☐ Do Pass ☒ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

Motion Made By Kasper Seconded By Nathe

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Representative Amerman	✓	
Vice Chairman Kasper	✓		Representative Boe	✓	
Representative Clark	✓		Representative Gruchalla	✓	
Representative Frantsvog	✓		Representative M Nelson	✓	
Representative N Johnson	✓				
Representative Kreun	✓				
Representative Nathe	✓				
Representative Ruby	✓				
Representative Sukut	✓				
Representative Vigesaa	✓				

Total Yes 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Boe

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1062: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1062 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.