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Sponsor(s): Senators Honeyford, Hewitt and Parlette; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Brief Description: Regarding industrial insurance hearing loss claims.

SB 5271 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires claims for hearing loss due to occupational noise exposure to be filed within two years of the date of the worker's last injurious exposure to occupational noise in employment covered under Title 51 RCW or within one year of the effective date of this act, whichever is later.

Declares that a claim for hearing loss due to occupational noise exposure that is not timely filed under this act can only be allowed for medical aid benefits under chapter 51.36 RCW.

Authorizes the department to adopt rules to implement this act.