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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1 Occupational health and safety.** Amends a statement of legislative findings dealing with workplace safety. Strikes reference to a health department role in development of an occupational health and safety plan.
- 2 Advisory council.** Amends the statute on the occupational safety and health advisory council. Eliminates the commissioner of health from membership on the council.
- 3 OSHA citations.** Requires posting citations issued by the commissioner at or near where a violation occurred for 20 days. Current law requires posting for 15 days.
- 4 Fine for serious violation.** Provides that if a serious violation of a standard, rule, or order causes or contributes to an employee's death, the fine is up to \$25,000.
- 5** Provides that in other circumstances, if a violation by an employer with fewer than 50 employers (1) is connected with an employee death, and (2) is not willful or repeated, the fine is an initial \$5,000 and an additional \$5,000 for each of the following four years.