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LB 478

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Cornett, would you yield?

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So, Senator Cornett, the amendment narrows the scope of the bill generally to individuals who have a security clearance, work for a defense contractor, and then the benefit comes on the salary that's above the \$40,000 threshold. Is that correct?

SENATOR CORNETT: Correct. In committee hearings it was testified to that the average or the entry level wage in these positions was approximately \$40,000, and that's where the committee came up with that baseline.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay. And so the scope of the bill, and I've asked your legal assistant there to...legislative assistant to try to find this number, we're narrowing it from a percent of veterans, which is probably close to, you know, a majority, down to a certain percentage, and I'm interested to find that, but I think that's important. Do you feel comfortable with the numbers that have been given to base the fiscal information on as far as the actual impact of LB 478? And then what is the difference on the impact between the committee amendment and the actual green copy?

SENATOR CORNETT: Well, to answer the first part, I have somewhere in my stacks of information, testimony that disputes the original fiscal note; that it would be much lower than what was originally figured. But I am comfortable with the fiscal note with the committee amendment, if that's what you were...if that was the gist of your question.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Right. Right, and that was some of the same comments that I had received from individuals questioning some of the assumptions, if you will, made in the original bill. And as a cosponsor of the original bill, I was understanding...trying to understand the difference. But I appreciate your willingness to answer the questions and I will continue to try to gather the information I need. Thank you.