BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 1249 Version: ENGR

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Impact: Establishes a misdemeanor and an associated
fine, creates a \$50 filing fee

Research Analysis

Engrossed SB1249 allows individuals exempt from being covered under the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act (AWCA) to execute an Affidavit of Exempt Status. Execution of the affidavit establishes a rebuttable presumption that the executor is not an employee for the purposes of the AWCA and therefore is not eligible to seek workers' compensation benefits against any contractor that the individual does subcontracted work for. The Workers' Compensation Commission is responsible to processing applications and may charge up to \$50 per individual or business entity for filing an affidavit, which is valid for two years.

The measure also establishes penalties for knowingly providing false information on an executed affidavit which is a misdemeanor crime punishable by a fine up to \$1000.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1249 establishes a \$50 fee for the filing of an Affidavit of Exempt Status with the Workers' Compensation Commission. The measure also creates a misdemeanor penalty for knowingly providing false information on an executed affidavit as well as an associated fine not to exceed \$1,000. The revenue from both is to be deposited in the Workers Compensation Commission Revolving Fund.

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Other Considerations

None.

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