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BCLI Invites Public Comment on Reform of the Employment Standards Act

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Vancouver, 18 June 2018 – With today’s publication of the *Consultation Paper on the Employment Standards Act*, BCLI and its Employment Standards Act Reform Project Committee are asking anyone concerned with laws relating to work and the workplace to provide their views on reform of the *Employment Standards Act*.

The BCLI Employment Standards Act Reform Project has received support from labour and business organizations, as well as from the Law Foundation of BC and the BC Ministry of Labour.

The *Employment Standards Act* sets out minimum standards for terms of employment and working conditions, and a process for enforcing them. It applies to most employees and most workplaces in the province.

“It has been 24 years since the Thompson Report, which was the last independent review of the *Employment Standards Act*,” said Tom Beasley, chairperson of the Project Committee. “Changes that were already being seen then have transformed workplaces in the meantime, and another critical look at this vital piece of legislation is overdue.”

The all-volunteer Project Committee has been at work since late 2014 in reviewing the Act in detail, and the consultation paper contains 78 tentative recommendations for its reform. BCLI and the Project Committee want to hear public reaction to them before making final recommendations.

The full consultation paper, a backgrounder, and an online survey are available at <https://www.bcli.org>. Responses may be made using the online survey, or sent to BCLI by e-mail, fax, or regular mail. BCLI is requesting responses by 31 August, 2018.

BCLI is a non-partisan, independent society dedicated to improvement of the law, and strives to carry out the best in scholarly research and outreach related to law reform.

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