

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call
January 18, 2019

In Person:

Eric Strauss
Lt. Governor Mike Cooney
Mark Cadwallader
Dom Judge
Al Smith
Pat Fox
Jason Swant

Attending via Skype:

Larry Jones
Bridger Mahlum
Lance Zanto
Bill Wheeler
Kevin Braun
Doug Buman
Mike Marsh
Jim Larson

Call began at 1:00 p.m.

A quorum was not present, no action taken during this call.

HB 214 Allows the department of administration to elect coverage under plan number 1 or 2.

HB 86 continue to follow. Hearing 23rd.

SB 126 Dept. will oppose wants LMAC perspective. Hearing 23rd.

SB 29 Requires workers' compensation for all volunteer firefighters. Department supports passage of SB 29. A lot of time spent in hearing covering the UEF. Sen. Fred Thomas. HB 28 associated bill re: fireworks tax

SB-77 Department of Labor cleanup bill, eliminates the industrial accident rehabilitation account.

SB 78 Notification of claims closure, Eric Strauss referenced the information documents sent via email to council members. The council will be looking for a determination on this bill at the January 25th legislative call. Hearing for this bill has been delayed.

LC 525 Montana workers' compensation modernization act.

LC 1077 Presumptive coverage for firefighters

LC 1785 Choice of treating physician in workers' compensation

Eric Strauss provided updates on three additional bills

- Extra Territorial, removing sun set. Sen. Ankney will sponsor the bill.
- Claims examiner certification requirement, Senator McConnell has agreed to introduce the bill.

- Need sponsor for MT OSHA

Al Smith: Requested that the council not spend too much time discussing bills when the council decision is likely to be split labor / management.

Public Comment was called for, No public comment

Meeting adjourned

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