

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call
January 25, 2019

In Person:

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney
Eric Strauss
Mark Cadwallader
Don Judge
Al Smith

Attending via Skype:

Adrienne McLean
Bill Wheeler
Ann Komac
Cindy Zimmerman
Annette Hoffman
Jim Larson
Lance Zanto
Karen Wiles
Kevin Braun

Call began at 1:00 p.m.

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

HB 214: Allows the department of administration to elect coverage under Plan number 1 or 2. Hearing was held on January 24, 2019. The Governor and LMAC oppose the bill. There are procurement concerns.

SB 29: Require workers' compensation for all volunteer firefighters. Passed executive action

HB 28: Establish fireworks tax to assist with workers' compensation for volunteer firefighters. Tabled in committee

HB 86: Generally, revise prescription drug laws. Committee executive action. Bill passed as amended.

SB 126: Revise workers' compensation solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities. Hearing held January 24, 2019.

SB 160: Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters. Referred to committee January 23, 2019.

SB 77: Department of Labor cleanup bill, eliminates the industrial accident rehabilitation account. Scheduled for 2nd reading January 25, 2019

SB 78: Notification of claims closure. Some of the language has been tweaked adding the receipt of medical benefits does not constitute re-opening.

LC 525: Montana workers' compensation modernization act.

LC 1785: Allow workers to choose treating physician in workers' compensation cases. Coming out today

LC 3114 Eliminate management rate transfers for certain state investments portfolios

Al Smith; Raised the question about polling to determine if there could be consensus by the council for a bill. Polling could help the council avoid wasting time if there is or is not consensus for a recommendation. After some discussion, staff was asked to contact each council member to determine their willingness to create a polling process.

Public comment was called. No public comment.

Meeting adjourned.

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