

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call February 15, 2019

In Person:	Attending via Skype:
Lt. Governor Mike Cooney	Doug Buman
Al Smith	Mike Bartow
Don Judge	Karen Wiles
Mark Cadwallader	Vikki Evans
Jenny Harris	Gary Holt
Bri Lake	Jim Larson
Eric Strauss	Annette Hoffman
Bill Wheeler	Bridger Mahlum
Adrienne McLean	Nikki Hartman
	Mike Marsh
	Bill Wheeler

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney called the meeting to order. Minutes from the February 8, 2019 meeting were approved with the amendment Vicki Evans was not at the meeting.

A column will be added to the Bill & Draft Watch List to show LMAC's position

HB 214: Monitor - Revise laws relating to the State Fund. Representative Vince Ricci. Hearing in the House Appropriations held 02/13/19.

HB 313: Monitor - Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers compensation cases. Representative Andrea Olsen. Tabled in committee 02/15/19.

HB 419: Support - Generally revise laws related to opioid prescriptions. Representative Zach Brown. No executive action yet.

SB 126: Oppose - Revise workers' compensation solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities. Representative Fred Thomas. Through Senate House Business and Labor. Waiting for hearing to be scheduled.

SB 160: Monitor - Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases for firefighters. Representative Nate McConnell. First Reading House Business and Labor 02/15/19. LMAC's position has not changed with amendments.

SB 29: Support - Require workers compensation for all volunteer firefighters. Representative Fred Thomas. Transmitted to the House. Waiting House hearing.

SB 61: Monitor -Revise prescription drug registry. Representative Margaret MacDonald.

SB 77: Monitor - Implement audit recommendations for certain licensing boards, voc rehab, UI. Representative Mary McNally. Through Senate. Waiting for executive action from House Business and Labor.

SB 78: Monitor - Require workers compensation insurers to provide notice to worker of claim closure. Representative Mary McNally. Committee Report—Bill Passes as amended in Business Labor and Economic.

SB 240: Monitor - Allow for rescission of insurance contracts under certain circumstances. Representative Jason Ellsworth. Hearing held in Business Labor and Economic Affairs 02/13/19

LC0525: Oppose - Creating the Montana workers' compensation modernization act. Rumor has it, it is not going to be introduced.

LC0935: Support - Repealing sunset regarding extraterritorial workers' compensation coverage.

LC0936: Support - Requiring certification of worker's compensation claims examiners.

LC3114: Monitor - Eliminate management rate transfers for certain state investment portfolios.

It was agreed to research and discuss at the next meeting House Bill 445 – Revise medical marijuana laws to provide cardholder protections. Representative Mary Ann Dunwell. There are concerns with use in the workplace and safety.

No public comment

Meeting adjourned