

Minutes
Labor-Management Advisory Council Telephone Conference
February 24, 2017

No Quorum, Bill updates as information only.

Advisory Council and Subcommittee members present:

Lance Zanto, Workers' Compensation Management Bureau, Chair, and proxy for Bill Dahlgren
Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association proxy for Chris Cavazos
Don Judge, Injured Workers' Resource Council, proxy for Jim Larson and Doug Buman

Subcommittee members present:

Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association

Advisory Council and Subcommittee members via telephone:

Larry Jones, Montana Self-Insureds Association
Annette Hoffman, St. Vincent Hospital

Others Present:

Eric Strauss, Administrator ERD
Eric Anderson, Teamsters Local No. 190
Jason Swant, Project Manager
Mark Cadwallader, Legal Counsel Department of Labor and Industry

I. Welcome and roll call

II. Introduced bills monitored:

HB 346: Designate fiscal agent as employer for workers' compensation insurance. Passed the House and transmitted to the Senate.

HB 395: Require PSC approval of certain hospital charges. Tabled in committee.

HB 490: Exempt certain sports coaches from unemployment, workers' comp exemption. Amended taking our reference to Unemployment Insurance. Second reading February 24, 2017.

SB 72: Create presumptive illness for firefighters. Referred to the House and hearing scheduled for March 8, 2017.

SB 116: Disallowing workers' compensation benefits for certain false statements. Passed the Senate, referred to the House and hearing scheduled for March 7, 2017.

SB 142: Revise laws related to volunteer emergency personnel and worker's comp insurance. Committee report, bill concurred.

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SB 184: Revise workers compensation to allow termination of payments due to fraud. Transmitted to the House and hearing scheduled for March 7, 2017.

SB 275: Revise construction industry in workers' compensation premium credit program. Transmitted to the House and hearing scheduled for March 7, 2017.

SB 298: Revise workers compensation relating to religious individuals and entities. Passed second reading.

SB 312: Revise laws relating to prescription drug use. Passed second reading.

HB 358: Revise workers' compensation laws pertaining to release of information. Passed the House February 24, 2017.

III. Other Matters: Jason advised research of past legislation pertaining to religious organizations revealed no record of action on behalf of LMAC.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Next Steps

Next meeting March 10, 2017