

**Minutes**  
**Labor-Management Advisory Council Telephone Conference**  
**February 17, 2017**

**Advisory Council and Subcommittee members present:**

Lt. Governor, Mike Cooney  
Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association proxy for Chris Cavazos  
Don Judge, Injured Workers' Resource Council  
Jim Larson, Teamsters Local 190

**Advisory Council and Subcommittee members via telephone:**

Larry Jones, Montana Self-Insureds Association  
Bill Dahlgren, Sun Mountain Sports – proxy for Lance Zanto  
Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund  
Annette Hoffman, St. Vincent Hospital  
Nicole Thuotte, Montana Public Employee Association

**Others Present:**

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

**I.** Welcome and introductions

**II.** The minutes from the February 10, 2017 meeting and the agenda were approved.

**III. Introduced bills monitored:**

**HB 358:** Revise workers' compensation laws pertaining to release of information. A hearing was held February 15, 2017.

**HB 395:** Require PSC approval of certain hospital charges. A hearing was held February 15, 2017.

**HB 409:** Restrict opioid prescriptions. A hearing will be held February 20, 2017.

**HB 449:** Revise the definition of wages in workers' compensation insurance. A hearing will be held February 22, 2017.

**SB 72:** Create presumptive illness for firefighters. Second reading passed.

**SB 116:** Disallowing workers' compensation benefits for certain false statements. Second reading passed.

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**SB 142:** Revise laws related to volunteer emergency personnel and worker's comp insurance. Hearing was held February 16, 2017.

**SB 184:** Revise workers compensation to allow termination of payments due to fraud. In first house, out of committee.

**SB 275:** Revise construction industry in workers' compensation premium credit program. A hearing will be held February 22, 2017.

**SB 298:** Revise workers compensation relating to religious individuals and entities. Introduced February 17, 2017. Monitor.

**HB 490:** Exempt certain sports coaches from unemployment, workers' comp exemption. A hearing will be held February 20, 2017.

**IV. Other Matters:**

The drug formulary bill final draft went to the sponsor and is in legal review with the question of the ability for automatic updates as a commercial formulary.

Eric reported that the Joint General Government Budget Sub-Committee reduced Safety and Health Bureau funding.

**V. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**VI. Next Steps**

Add HB 460 and LC0684 to the monitor list

Research past LMAC discussions regarding the current SB 298: Revise workers compensation relating to religious individuals and entities

The meeting was adjourned