

**Minutes**  
**Labor-Management Advisory Council Telephone Conference**  
**March 24, 2017**

**Advisory Council and Subcommittee members present:**

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney, Chair  
Lance Zanto, Workers' Compensation Management Bureau, Chair  
Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association  
Don Judge, Injured Workers' Resource Council

**Subcommittee members present:**

Nicole Thuotte, Montana Public Employees Association

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

Bill Dahlgren, Sun Mountain Sports  
Annette Hoffman, St. Vincent Hospital  
Jim Larson, Teamsters Local 190, Co-chair  
Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund  
Larry Jones, Montana Self-Insureds Association

**Others Present:**

Eric Strauss, Administrator ERD  
Jason Swant, Project Manager  
Mark Cadwallader, Legal Counsel Department of Labor and Industry

- I. Welcome and roll call**
- II. Approval of Minutes/Agenda.** The agenda and minutes from the 03/17/17 were approved.

**III. Introduced bills monitored:**

**HB 358:** Revise workers' compensation laws pertaining to release of information. Third reading March 23, 2017.

**SB 116:** Disallowing workers' compensation benefits for certain false statements.  
Heard March 21, 2017.

**SB 298:** Revise workers compensation relating to religious individuals and entities.  
Heard March 22, 2017. Tabled in committee March 24, 2017.

**SB 312:** Revise laws relating to prescription drug use. Passed 19 - 0

**SB 371:** Revise workers' compensation insurance and dissolve the state fund. Tabled.

**SB 369:** Create a study commission on the state fund. Tabled

**IV. No Other Matters or public comment.**

**V. Next Steps**