

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call March 22, 2019

In Person:

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney  
Al Smith  
Don Judge  
Mark Cadwallader  
Eric Strauss  
Lance Zanto proxy for Vicki Evans  
Cindy Zimmerman  
Stephanie Champagne  
Bridger Mahlum

Attending via Skype:

Mike Marsh  
Jim Larson  
Karen Wiles  
Jason Swant  
Jim Larson proxy for Doug Buman  
Nikki Hartman  
Mike Bartow

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney called the meeting to order. Minutes from the March 15, 2019 meeting were approved. Bridger Mahlum proxy to Lance Zanto.

HB 214: Monitor - Revise laws relating to the State Fund. Representative Vince Ricci. Hearing held 03/15/19 in Senate Business & Labor. Waiting for executive action.

HB 313: Monitor - Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers compensation cases. Representative Andrea Olsen. Tabled - Missed deadline for general bill transmittal.

HB 419: Support - Generally revise laws related to opioid prescriptions. Representative Zach Brown. Missed deadline for general bill transmittal.

HB 445: Oppose - Revise medical marijuana laws to provide cardholder protections. Representative Mary Ann Dunwell. Tabled in committee.

HB 658: Monitor – Applying the insurance premium tax to the Montana State Fund. Representative Edward Buttrey. Fiscal note received 03/21/19

SB 126: Oppose - Revise workers' compensation solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities. Representative Fred Thomas. Committee Report--Bill Concurred 03/20/19. Going to full House

SB 160: Monitor - Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases for firefighters. Representative Nate McConnell. Hearing held 03/15/19 in House Business & Labor. Waiting executive action.

SB 234: Monitor – Allow department of administration to insure state under plans 1, 2, or 3. Representative Steve Fitzpatrick. Hearing scheduled for 03/26/19 in House Business & Labor.

SB 240: Monitor - Allow for rescission of insurance contracts under certain circumstances. Representative Jason Ellsworth. Hearing held in Business Labor and Economic Affairs 03/13/19. Tabled 03/22/19.

SB 274: Monitor – Revise Drug scheduling laws. Representative Janet Ellis. Committee Report--Bill Concurred 03/21/19.

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

SB 295 Monitor – Generally revise employee death benefits. Representative Tom Richmond. Hearing held in House Business and Labor 03/15/19.

SB 61: Monitor -Revise prescription drug registry. Representative Margaret MacDonald. Sent to enrolling 03/21/19. Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House.

SB 77: Monitor - Implement audit recommendations for certain licensing boards, voc rehab, UI. Representative Mary McNally. Signed by Governor. Chapter number assigned 03/07/19.

SB 78: Monitor - Require workers compensation insurers to provide notice to worker of claim closure. Representative Mary McNally. Committee Report--Bill Concurred 03/20/19. Passed subcommittee 11 to 8.

LC0525: Oppose - Creating the Montana workers' compensation modernization act. No draft yet.

LC0935: Support - Repealing sunset regarding extraterritorial workers' compensation coverage. Representative Derek Harvey will combine with LC065 – Requiring certification of workers' compensation claims examiners and move forward.

LC1416: Monitor – Provide workers' compensation premium offset in certain learning programs. Representative Derek Harvey. Introduced 03/22/19. Mark Cadwallader explained the bill. Now assigned HB 732.

LC3114: Monitor - Eliminate management rate transfers for certain state investment portfolios. Representative Greg Hertz. Not introduced yet.

No public comment

Meeting adjourned