

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call February 22, 2019

In Person:

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney
Al Smith
Stephanie Champagne
Mark Cadwallader
Jason Swant
Bridger Mahlum

Attending via Skype:

Doug Buman
Jim Larson
Vicki Evans
Lance Zanto
Mike Marsh
Mike Bartow
Doug Roope
Karen Wiles
Nikki Hartman
Tera Taylor
Bri Lake
Kristine Ediger
Carissa Stahly
Adrienne McLean

Proxy to Al Smith from Don Judge

February 15, 2019 Minutes approved with removal of Bri Lake and Adrienne McLean as in person attendees.

HB 214: Monitor - Revise laws relating to the State Fund. Representative Vince Ricci. Tabled in committee 02/20/19.

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. Tabled in committee 02/15/19.

HB 445: Oppose - Revise medical marijuana laws to provide cardholder protections. Representative Mary Ann Dunwell. Hearing held 02/21/19.

SB 126: Oppose - Revise workers' compensation solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities. Representative Fred Thomas. Passed 3rd reading in Senate now in House. No action on the bill this week.

SB 160: Monitor - Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases for firefighters. Representative Nate McConnell. First Reading House Business and Labor 02/15/19. No action taken at that time. LMAC's position has not changed with amendments.

SB 234: Monitor - Allow department of administration to insure state under plans 1 or 2 or 3. Representative Steve Fitzpatrick. Executive action 02/13. Bill passed in committee

SB 240: Monitor - Allow for rescission of insurance contracts under certain circumstances. Representative Jason Ellsworth. Hearing in Business, Labor and Economic Affairs 02/13/19. No action this week.

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. Held 3rd reading. Transmitted to the House. No action this week.

SB 77: Monitor - Implement audit recommendations for certain licensing boards, voc rehab, UI. Representative Mary McNally. 2nd reading concurred 02/21/19. Scheduled for 3rd reading 02/22/19

SB 78: Monitor - Require workers compensation insurers to provide notice to worker of claim closure. Representative Mary McNally. First reading 02/21/19.

SB 274: Monitor - Revise drug scheduling laws. Representative Albert Olszewski. Committee Report – Bill passed 02/21/19.

SB 295: Monitor – Generally revise public employee death benefits. Representative Tom Richmond. Hearing scheduled for 02/25/19.

LC0525: Oppose - Creating the Montana workers' compensation modernization act. Under Executive Director for final review 02/20/19.

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

LC0936: Support - Requiring certification of worker's compensation claims examiners. Under Executive Director for final review

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

No public comment
Meeting adjourned