

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call March 15, 2019

<u>In Person:</u>	<u>Attending via Skype:</u>
Lt. Governor Mike Cooney	Doug Buman
Al Smith	Mike Bartow
Don Judge	Karen Wiles
Mark Cadwallader	Vicki Evans
Eric Strauss	Jim Larson
Lance Zanto	Mike Marsh
Jason Swant	Bill Wheeler
Stephanie Champagne	Nikki Hartman

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney called the meeting to order. Minutes from the February 22, 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.

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. Table in committee.

SB 126: Oppose - Revise workers' compensation solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities. Representative Fred Thomas. Hearing held 03/15/19 in House Business & Labor.

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

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.

SB 274: Monitor - Revise Drug scheduling laws. Representative Janet Ellis. Hearing scheduled for 03/18/19.

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. Hearing held 03/14/19.

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. Hearing held 03/13/19 in House Business & Labor.

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 LC0936 – Requiring certification of workers' compensation claims examiners and move forward.

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

No public comment

Meeting adjourned