

Minutes
Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation
Teleconference Meeting
January 23, 2015

LMAC members present: Lt. Governor Angela McLean, Bob Worthington, Don Judge, Bill Dahlgren, Lance Zanto, Marv Jordan, Al Smith, Doug Buman, Jim Larson, Kevin Braun, Chris Cavazos, Jean Branscom

Core Team members present: Diana Ferriter, Mark Cadwallader, and Bill Wheeler

Several members of the public attended the meeting, primarily by teleconference.

I. Status of introduced bills

The LMAC discussed HB 271(Revise laws regarding physician dispensing of prescription medication) and agreed to learn more about it and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

The LMAC discussed HB 299 (Revise workers compensation claim penalty laws) and decided not to take a position on it.

Al Smith moved to continue support of SB 4 (Authorize temporary appointment in vacancy of WC judge) as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

The LMAC expressed no interest in tracking SB 52 (Revise Captive Insurance Laws).

LMAC will continue to monitor SB 103 (Provide presumptive disease coverage for paid firefighters), SB 123 (Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana State Fund).

II. Status of Unintroduced bills

LC477 (Create OSHA laws applicable to private employers) was discussed. This bill has been amended and LMAC agreed to support the bill as originally drafted without the amendments.

The LMAC will continue to monitor LC 35 (Generally revise laws related to Montana State Fund).

III. Next steps

The LMAC will meet next Friday January 30, 2015 (same meeting arrangements).