

Labor Management Advisory Council Legislative Call
February 8, 2019

In Person:

Lance Zanto
Don Judge
Al Smith
Eric Strauss
Pat Fox
Mark Cadwallader
Jason Swant
Jenny Harris

Attending via Skype:

Vicki Evans
Doug Buman
Mike Marsh
Bridger Mahlum
Jim Larson
Kevin Braun
Bill Wheeler
Nikki Hartman
Mike Bartow
Bri Lake
Karen Wiles
Mona Hylton

Call began at 1:00 p.m.

There will be action items as we do have a quorum. Any decisions will need the approving vote of the Lt. Governor after this meeting.

Don Judge moved to approve 02/1/19 minutes with two corrections and one addition, ad Jim Larson and remove second listing of Al Smith from attendee list and add description to LC 1820. Minutes approved

HB 214: Monitor - Allows the department of administration to elect coverage under Plan number 1 or 2. Rep Ricci. Governor came out against.

HB 313: Monitor – Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation.

SB 29: Support - Require workers' compensation for all volunteer firefighters.

SB 126: Oppose - Revise workers' compensation solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities.

SB 160: Monitor - Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters.

SB 77: Monitor - Department of Labor cleanup bill, eliminates the industrial accident rehabilitation account. Dept wants to sunset fund and move monies to UEF.

SB 78: Monitor - Notification of claims closure.

LC 525: Oppose - Montana workers' compensation modernization act.

SB 61: Monitor - Revise prescription drug registry. Continue Monitor

HB 419: Support - Prescriber counseling for opioids. Previously LC 281. Don Judge made a motion for the council to support. Al Smith second the motion, Discussion: Mike Marsh questioned what costs could be associated with a requirement for prescriber counseling. Council asked the department to request a cost estimate from NCCI. After additional discussion and call for public comment motion passed unanimously. Eric Strauss will carry the council's vote to the Lt. Governor for a concurrence vote.

SB 240: Monitor – Allows for the rescission of insurance contracts under certain circumstances. Previously LC 1820.

LC3114: Monitor - Management fee on investment portfolios.

Eric Strauss provided an update on the LMAC bills. Senator McConnell will carry the CEC certification. Senator Ankney will carry extra territorial. Bill drafts have been found for both bills. Eric anticipates bill drafts will be out in the coming days.

Public comment:

No public comment was made.

Meeting adjourned.

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