



Workers' Compensation

Bill Number	Brief Summary	Sponsor	Position	Latest Status
6602	Implements recommendation of Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee to allow SI employer to issue allowance/denial/interlocutory orders on claims, subject to details.	Braun	Support – WSIA Priority	Introduced 1/27, expected for committee vote 2/1
5509	Clarifies occupational disease coverage (from 2015)	Braun	Support	Voted out of Senate committee 1/27/16
5513	Adjusts age eligibility for structured settlements to 40 (from 2015)	Braun	Support	In Senate Rules Committee; eligible for floor vote
2441	Eliminates the social security offset against time loss benefits received by an injured worker who was already receiving or had applied for social security benefits prior to being injured.	Kirby	Monitoring / Concerns	Hearing in House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee 1/21/16; voted out of committee 1/26/16

<u>2806</u>	Expands the presumption of occupational disease for firefighters to public fire investigators, and expands the number of cancers and infections to which the presumption applies.	Kuderer	Oppose	Introduced in House 1/21/16
<u>2336</u>	Would require Labor & Industries' self-insurance section to adjudicate closure orders within 90 days of request by self-insured employer.	Manweller	Support/Monitor	Hearing 1/21/16 in House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee
<u>2337</u>	Would terminate time loss payments at 60 months from date of injury.	Manweller	Monitor	Hearing 1/21/16 in House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee
<u>2338</u>	Would terminate time loss payments when injured worker reaches maximum medical improvement.	Manweller	Support	Hearing 1/21/16 in House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee
<u>2383</u>	Establishes acupuncture as a covered treatment for injured workers.	Reykdal	Concerns	Introduced in House 1/12/16
<u>2548</u>	Limits the amount of fee a small specialty contractor firm would have to pay in order to appeal a Labor & Industries order.	Condotta	Monitor	Introduced in House 1/14/16

6081	Creates an office of Labor & Industries ombuds in the state Department of Commerce to facilitate business concerns with L&I activities.	Baumgartner	Monitor	Voted out of Senate committee 1/27/16
6231/2444	Labor & Industries request bill to change the classification codes for determining industries subject to the Right to Know program assessment.	Hasegawa (S)/Manweller (H)	Monitor	House version voted out of committee 1/26; Senate version 1/28
6321	Clarifies aspects of the industrial insurance 7-part test for determining independent contractor vs. covered employee.	Baumgartner	Support / Monitor	Voted out of Senate committee 1/28/16
6579	Privatization task force	Baumgartner	Support / Monitor (low priority)	Voted out of Senate committee 1/28/16
6520	Firefighter occupational disease presumption (EMT, fire investigators)	Ranker	Oppose	Introduced 1/26/16
6597	Would require a Joint Legislative Task Force to study and report back on IME issues	Keiser	Concerns / Unnecessary	Introduced 1/27/16