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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR  
HB 1065

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1065

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/03

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judith Hammer</i>			

Minutes: **Chairman Keiser** opened the hearing on HB 1065 which relates to the proposed name change of the Workers Compensation Bureau (WCB) to Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI).

**Brent Edison**, Executive Director & CEO of WCB, appeared to present the bill and to request favorable consideration from the IBL Committee. (See attached)

**Rep. Ekstrom** asked if the general public might be confused since there is no mention of "compensation" in the new name. **Edison** replied that while promoting the move and generating media attention he feels that the public will be alerted to the change. He said that since Workforce is close to Workers in the yellow pages, clients shouldn't have that much trouble locating the new office.

**Rep. Thorpe** asked about the expense of new signage to which **Edison** replied that he didn't know since it was included in the construction budget for the entire building. He noted for the record that construction is on time and within the budget.

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Bill/Resolution Number 1065

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**Rep. Ruby** asked if the WSI will be listed as a state government agency or as a private insurance to which **Edison** replied that they will have listings in full range, both white and yellow pages.

**Rep. Boe** asked why the word insurance is used, rather than compensation to which **Edison** replied that Workforce Safety Insurance capsulates the mission statement of the organization.

**Edison** said he would obtain figures and percentages as to how many claims are compensation (indemnity) and how many are benefits in response to a question from **Rep. Ekstrom**.

**Tim Effertz** appeared in opposition to the name change, for no other reason than he likes the solid sound of the word "bureau".

**Sebold Vetter** also came forth to testify in opposition to the proposed name change as he is "old fashioned, too."

**Chairman Keiser** closed the hearing on HB 1065.

**Chairman Keiser** called for committee work on HB 1065.

**Rep. Johnson** moved a do pass.

**Rep. Boe** seconded the motion.

**Rep. Ekstrom** stated she is in favor of this legislation but that has concerns that the public may be confused with the name change. She also want to be sure that WSI will indeed still be in the business of workers' compensation. **Rep. Thorpe** stated that for the record, he would rather that the word compensation still be included in the name. **Rep. Nottestad** stated that the new name is still is found under "W" in the phone book.

The roll call vote was unanimous: 14-0-0. **Rep. Boe** will carry this bill on the floor.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 01/02/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1065

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

**NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION  
 2003 LEGISLATION  
 SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION**

**BILL DESCRIPTION:** Initiative to change name of agency to Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI)

**BILL NO:** HB 1065

**SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION:** North Dakota Workers Compensation, together with its actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The proposed legislation provides for changing the name of the Workers Compensation Bureau to Workforce Safety & Insurance and declares it to be an emergency measure.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Changing the agency's name will coincide with NDWC's move to their new building in May 2003. Costs associated with the name change will be minimal, as the change will occur in conjunction with NDWC's address change. No significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

**DATE:** January 6, 2003

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

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**B. Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

**C. Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

Name:	John Halvorson	Agency:	NDWC
Phone Number:	320-3760	Date Prepared:	01/08/2003

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Date: 1/21/03  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1065

House Industry, Business & Labor Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Johnson Seconded By Boe

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Rep. Boe	✓	
Rep. Severson, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep. Ekstrom	✓	
Rep. Dosch	✓		Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Froseth	✓		Rep. Zaiser	✓	
Rep. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Kasper	✓				
Rep. Klein	✓				
Rep. Nottlestad	✓				
Rep. Ruby	✓				
Rep. Tieman	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Boe

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 22, 2003 7:26 a.m.

Module No: HR-12-0877  
Carrier: Boe  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
HB 1065: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)  
recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HB 1065 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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HR-12-0877

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