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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1149

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1149

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	15.0-42.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judith Hammer</i>			

Minutes: Chair Keiser opened the hearing on HB 1149, the purpose of which relates to WCB's subrogation interests and to declare an emergency. Rep. Froseth who is co-sponsoring this legislation introduced the bill to the committee.

Brent Edison, Executive Director and CEO of Workers Compensation Bureau appeared to testify in support of the legislation and to walk the committee through the various sections.

(See attached)

Rep. Ruby asked how the "opt out" in Section 1 differs from the "opt out of third party action" from last session. Edison replied that there is no opt out except in medical malpractice suits.

In response to Rep. Ekstrom's question for the emergency clause, Derek Watkins, OMB Risk Management, stated that Section 2 strikes the sunset clause and makes the consolidation of all state agency accounts a single workers comp account permanent law.

Marv Skar appeared in support of HB 1149.

As no one appeared in opposition to HB 1149, Chair Keiser closed the hearing.

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Bill/Resolution Number HB 1149

Hearing Date 1/21/03

Prior to adjourning the morning's hearing session, Chairman Keiser called for committee work on HB 1149. Connie Sprynczynatyck will have the Attorney General's office and League of Cities to concur on the wording of the amendment she is preparing by Wednesday, 1/22/03.

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/22/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		23.7-44.7
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judith Hanna</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Kelsner called for committee work on HB 1149.

Connie Sprynczynatyck, Executive Director of the ND League of Cities, distributed copies of the proposed amendment which addresses covering emergency or disaster volunteers under WCB protection after training and during implementation.. Community Emergency Responder Team members (Neighborhood Watch, for example) are also now included in this legislation. This amendment also extends the dates for which these changes will apply.

Rep. Froseth asked if training sessions are federally funded emergency programs due to 9/11 to which Sprynczynatyck explained the grant funds that were received for implementation of Community Emergency Response training was through supplemental appropriations of the 2002 budget. Replying to Rep. Froseth's question about responsibility for payment of premiums at WEB for this Sprynczynatyck replied that local jurisdictions organized into CERT Teams will pay on a per capita basis for adequate coverage. Brent Edison, Executive Director of Workers Compensation Bureau, stated that the Bureau stands in support of these amendments.

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Rep. Dosch questioned whether WEB is capable of covering any huge catastrophes or terrorist events to which Edison stated that the Bureau's has reinsurance policies as well as a recent federally funded stop gap legislation passed and signed by the President Bush. Responding to Rep. Klein, Edison stated that WEB has no objection to declaring the whole bill an emergency. Chairman Keiser asked that Klein's suggestion and the handwritten component be drafted and incorporated into the amendment. He also asked for a fiscal note from WCB. Chairman Keiser closed the committee work session for this morning so that the House IBL Committee can attend the JSND presentation.

Chairman Keiser called for continued committee work on HB 1149. Ann Jorgenson Green, Counsel for WCB/WSI, walked the committee through the proposed amendment. Jody Bjornson, WSI/WCB, took the podium to call attention to Section 15 that contains the emergency clause language suggested by Rep. Klein, who moved a do pass on adopted the amendments. Rep. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote carried this motion. Rep. Thorpe moved a do pass, seconded by Rep. Boe.

Results of the roll call vote were 12-0-2.

Rep. Nottestad will carry this bill on the floor.

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