
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4415

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1 WHEREAS, There is increasing need to review the industrial
2 insurance system, with regard to both its benefits for injured workers
3 and the costs to employers; and

4 WHEREAS, The reform efforts in recent years have provided a basis
5 for further review and improvements in the system; and

6 WHEREAS, Continued review and analysis of the system is appropriate
7 in light of the system's relationship to other significant issues, such
8 as the economy and the health care delivery system;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
10 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a legislative task
11 force on workers' compensation be established to review the state's
12 industrial insurance system and make recommendations on the following
13 issues:

14 (1) The adequacy and equity of the industrial insurance benefit
15 structure;

16 (2) The administrative operation of the state fund, including
17 claims management and the provision of medical services;

18 (3) Incentives in the system to promote safety and return to work;

19 (4) Cost drivers in the industrial insurance system and techniques
20 for dealing with the cost drivers; and

1 (5) Any other matters in the industrial insurance system deemed
2 appropriate for study by the committee; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force consist of up to
4 twenty-five voting members, as follows:

5 (1) Three members from each caucus of the Senate, appointed by the
6 President of the Senate, with at least two members from the membership
7 of the Labor and Commerce Committee;

8 (2) Three members from each caucus of the House of Representatives,
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with at
10 least two members from the membership of the Commerce and Labor
11 Committee; and

12 (3) Up to thirteen members appointed jointly by the President of
13 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to include
14 geographic representation and to fairly represent the following:
15 Injured workers; labor; the legal profession; business including self-
16 insurers; and self-insured public employers; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Labor and Industries
18 shall cooperate with the task force and maintain a liaison
19 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall use legislative
21 staff and facilities, but may hire additional staff with specific
22 technical expertise if such expertise is necessary to carry out the
23 mandates of this resolution. All expenses of the task force, including
24 travel, shall be paid jointly by the Senate and the House of
25 Representatives; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force report its findings and
27 recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 1993; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall expire July 1,
29 1994.

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