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Sponsor(s): Senator Honeyford

Brief Description: Concerning treatment of injured workers covered by industrial insurance.

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Finds that the ability of the department to manage industrial insurance health services becomes more difficult as the number of providers and scopes of practice are expanded. The integrity of the industrial insurance program of this state depends in large part upon the provision of quality health and vocational services and care to workers covered under this title. Medically unnecessary or inappropriate health and vocational services delay the recovery process, have grave potential for further injury to workers, and escalate the cost of the industrial insurance program at great unfairness to both workers and employers of this state. Therefore, the director or the director's designee shall accomplish the designated objectives.

Provides that, by December 1, 2005, the department of labor and industries shall report to the senate committee on commerce and trade and the house committee on commerce and labor, or successor committees, on the implementation of this act, including but not limited to the effects of this act on injured worker outcomes, claim costs, and disputed claims.