
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8409

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Parlette)

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1 WHEREAS, The industrial insurance system in this state has been in
2 existence since 1911; and

3 WHEREAS, In the ninety-four years since its creation, there has
4 rarely been agreement by stakeholders on the calculation of benefits,
5 the premium rate-making process, the expenditures of funds from the
6 accident and medical aid funds, and the general administration of the
7 program by the state agency charged with its administration; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the years various groups have come together in an
9 attempt to improve the system. While some positive changes have
10 resulted from these efforts, both labor and business would agree that
11 there are still improvements to the system that need to be made;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
13 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
14 select committee on workers' compensation be established; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
16 members, four members of the Senate, two from each of the two largest
17 caucuses, selected by the president of the Senate; and four members of
18 the House of Representatives, two from each of the two largest
19 caucuses, selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall choose cochairs,
2 one chosen from the Senate members and one chosen from the House of
3 Representatives members; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall convene an
5 advisory committee to assist it in its duties under this resolution;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee be composed of
8 nine members. Each caucus represented on the joint select committee
9 shall appoint two individuals to serve as members of the advisory
10 committee. The director of the department of labor and industries or
11 his or her designee shall also be a member of the advisory committee;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That no member of the advisory committee
14 may be a current registered lobbyist under RCW 42.17.150 or have been
15 a registered lobbyist within the past five years; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the issues the committee will address
17 are limited to the following: Vocational rehabilitation; independent
18 medical examinations; claims management; rate stability; and the
19 expansion of centers of occupational health and education; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee may choose to use a
21 facilitator to assist it or the advisory committee with its work; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee issue a progress report
23 on its work to the Legislature by January 5, 2006, and issue a final
24 report and recommendations to the legislature by December 15, 2006.

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