
**Labor & Workplace Standards
Committee**

HB 2337

Brief Description: Implementing joint legislative audit and review committee recommendations to improve claims management and efficiencies in workers' compensation.

Sponsors: Representatives Manweller, Haler, Condotta, Chandler and Van Werven.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes a 60 month limit on temporary time-loss benefits for injured workers.

Hearing Date: 1/21/16

Staff: Joan Elgee (786-7106).

Background:

Under the state's industrial insurance laws, injured workers are entitled to various benefits, including medical benefits and temporary time-loss benefits. Temporary time-loss benefits provide partial wage replacement for the time period in which the worker is totally disabled. Temporary time-loss benefits are paid as long as the total disability continues.

Summary of Bill:

Temporary time-loss benefits for injured workers are paid for as long as the total disability continues, or for 60 months, whichever is less.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 1/13/16.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.