

Written testimony on Senate Bill 2040

Chairman Larsen and Senate Industry and Business Committee

My name is Kevin Herrmann, 300 Fair St. SW, Beulah, ND 58523. I am representing myself as an independent hourly wage worker taxpayer.

I oppose Senate Bill 2040 as presented to the Senate Industry and Business Committee. Senate Bill 2040 should be hog house amended to repeal chapter 65 of the North Dakota Century code. I have followed the meetings of Workers Compensation Review Committee in the past interims. After each injured worker presented their issues with WSI, Tim Wahlin from WSI would every time say which part of the century code the injured worker claim pertains too and keep saying it is the legislators who legislate Chapter 65 for WSI to follow. It is very discouraging that the Republicans in the past Workers Compensation Review committee would thank the worker for coming forward but majority of the time nothing has put forward as a bill to help the injured worker to go through the process towards WSI personnel. WSI and past legislators will not agree with me but I have been following WSI bills plus how each legislator votes after 1999 session. At that time, I found out all the big changes happen in 1990's legislative session totally reducing helping injured workers.

Chapter 65 is supposed to be helping injured workers in process of their injuring claim but it is about business owner's interest.

My home phone number is 701-873-4163 for anyone wants to ask me any questions before committee work on this bill.

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