

Good afternoon.

I sense that Rep. Ruby is contemplating a push to remove the benefit escalator in Section 4 of Engrossed SB2109. In the event an amendment is offered, WSI would ask for consideration to also clean up a couple issues within the Application section. In my opinion neither are absolutely necessary and do not warrant the complexity of an amendment, but if we are in anyways, here are our requests.

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SECTION 6. APPLICATION. Section 1, except for the amendment to paragraph 6 of subdivision a of subsection 11 of section 65-01-02, applies to claims **filed for indemnity benefits** on or after August 1, 2025. The amendment to paragraph 6 of subdivision a of subsection 11 of section 65-01-02 applies to all claims regardless of date of injury. The increase in the death benefit cap from \$300,000 to \$400,000 **and the biennial increase of \$10,000** in section **54** of this Act applies to employee deaths resulting from injuries that occur on or after the effective date of this Act. **Each biennial increase in the death benefit cap applies only to those deaths occurring from July first of that odd-numbered year through June thirtieth of the next odd-numbered year**

Our stand alone requests are in **yellow**. Those being precipitated by the anticipated amendments are in **green**.

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