

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday, June 19, 2006
Room 166, NDSU Wellness Center
Fargo, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Approval of the minutes of the April 26-27, 2006, meeting
Welcome and comments by the committee chairman
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the current status of the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund, its anticipated status going into the 2007 legislative session, and the status of the premium rate package
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the history of the state's workers' compensation retirement law and the impact of this retirement law on catastrophically injured workers
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 10:35 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the tentative Workforce Safety and Insurance legislative package for the 2007 legislative session and regarding bill drafts being considered by the Workers' Compensation Review Committee
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding how the state's workers' compensation laws address a "worsening medical condition" and the associated consideration of loss of wages
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the Workforce Safety and Insurance Special Investigation Unit, including the unit's expenditures for investigating employer and injured worker fraud and an overview of the investigative process
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives

- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance and by a representative of CorVel Corporation, an entity that contracts with the state to provide workers' compensation vocational rehabilitation services, regarding the state's workers' compensation vocational rehabilitation process, including a review of the requirements that an injured worker must meet to access educational funds through the state's workers' compensation programs
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a revised bill draft relating to workers' compensation "false positive" heart and lung tests of firefighters and police officers
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding stipulated settlements between Workforce Safety and Insurance and an injured worker
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding how the state's workers' compensation system limits attorney's fees for attorneys representing Workforce Safety and Insurance and for attorneys representing injured workers
- Comments by interested persons
 - Committee discussion and directives
- 4:30 p.m. Closing remarks by Chairman Keiser
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives George J. Keiser (Chairman), Bill Amerman, Nancy Johnson
Senators Duaine C. Espegard, Joel C. Heitkamp, Jerry Klein