

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1051
(Legislative Management)
(Workers' Compensation Review Committee)

AN ACT to provide for a workers' compensation review committee study of the workers' compensation preferred provider program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY - PREFERRED PROVIDER PROGRAM. During the 2013-14 interim, the workers' compensation review committee shall study the workforce safety and insurance preferred provider program created under sections 65-05-28.1 and 65-05-28.2. The committee may conduct this study by including the study as one of the elements to be evaluated in the workforce safety and insurance independent performance evaluation conducted under section 65-02-30. The study should include consideration of the legislative history and intent of creation of the program; whether the program has been successful in furthering the intent of the program; the qualifications of the preferred providers and preferred provider networks selected by employers under the program; whether employers and employees have benefited under the program and whether there are any associated costs to the program; the process workforce safety and insurance utilizes in considering whether to allow an employee to opt-out of the program; and whether employers and employees participating in the program are familiar with the terms of the program. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the legislative management.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1051.

House Vote: Yeas 94 Nays 0 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State