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- Senate Bill No. 2040
 - o Is a bill draft repealing the Workers' Compensation Review Committee.
 - Section 1 changes receipt of the WSI performance evaluation from the Workers'
 Compensation Review Committee to the Legislative Management. The performance evaluation will be received by another interim committee.
 - Earlier in the interim, the committee voted to recommend to legislative management a bill repealing the performance evaluation. If both this bill and the bill repealing the performance evaluation pass, a repeal trumps an amendment.
 - Section 2, repeals 54-35-22 (the statutory provision establishing the Workers' Compensation Review Committee and provides the meeting requirements and duties of the committee).
 - The Committee was established in 2005 and was intended to expire on August 1, 2007. A one-interim committee. The expiration clause was repealed in 2007.

As you can see from the bill drafts below, the committee did serve its intended purpose. Initially, the committee and WSI identified issues and you can see multiple bill drafts in 2007-2008 & 2009-2010. After those 16 bills, the number of bill drafts have fallen substantially. That is due to the leadership at WSI turning things around after some dire times in the early 2000s. The legislature digging into the issues at hand and working to make the process better for injured workers.

This committee was formed as a checks and balances of WSI. With the repeal of this committee, injured workers still have the same avenues to appeal a WSI decision, and have their voice heard. They can still contact a lawmaker or the Governor's office for assistance. WSI will continue to work with the legislature should any issues arise, and a bill needs to be introduced. It's my hope for our state's workers that this committee never has to be created ever again.

I ask the committee for a Do Pass recommendation, and I'll stand for any questions.

- 2005-06: 11 claims 3 bill drafts.
- 2007-08: 15 claims 9 bill drafts.
- 2009-10: 4 claims 7 bill drafts.
- 2011-12: 2 claims 4 bill drafts.
- 2013-14: 1 claim 2 bill drafts.
- 2015-16: 7 claims 1 bill draft.
- 2017-18: 10 claims No bill drafts.
- 2019-20: 12 claims 1 bill draft.
- 2021-20: 11 claims 1 bill draft.