

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows an Administrative Law Judge who mediates a workers' compensation claim disposition agreement to approve the agreement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Support of the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Workers' compensation decisions can involve disputed claim settlements, which cover compensability issues regarding a denied claim or claim disposition agreements which cover non-medical benefits under an accepted claim. Currently, the Workers' Compensation Board has exclusive jurisdiction to approve claim disposition agreements. SB 253-A allows the mediator who mediated the claim disposition agreement to approve the agreement.