

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Avakian
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Meeting Dates:	4/16

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Approval by the Management-Labor Advisory Committee
- Duplication of efforts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes language governing situations where the claims disposition agreement and the disputed claim settlement are filed at the same time.

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.