

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies that the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services is required to approve a managed care organizations' process for adopting treatment standards for injured workers instead of the actual treatment standards.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Support of the Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC)
- Measure clarifies the intent of provisions enacted in SB 670 (2005)

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** SB 670 (2005) directed the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to "review and approve," instead of "prescribe", treatment standards for injured workers in managed care organizations. Although the measure's intent was not to require this level of review, the statutory change did not allow the department much flexibility in implementation and the resulting rules have proven to be a burdensome process for both the department and managed care organizations.

SB 563 removes the requirement for the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to review and approve individual standards, but requires approval by the director for the process of adopting treatment standards. By doing such, the department will maintain the same level of regulatory oversight while providing managed care organizations with the flexibility to more quickly update treatment standards and protocols.