

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Witt, Schaufler
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies that a chiropractor who is serving as an attending physician at the time of a workers' compensation claim closure can make findings regarding the injured worker's impairment for purposes of evaluating their disability.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

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

**BACKGROUND:** For worker injuries under the workers' compensation system, House Bill 2756 (2007) expanded the authority for chiropractic physicians, podiatrists, naturopaths, and physician assistants to act as attending physicians for 60 days or 18 visits, whichever comes first, as well as authorizing time loss for 30 days and managing the worker's return to work during that period.

House Bill 2045 restores authority inadvertently removed by House Bill 2756 which allowed a chiropractor that is serving as an injured worker's attending physician to make findings regarding the impairments for the purposes of evaluating the worker's disability.