

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows Workers' Compensation Board to adopt rules providing for electronic transmission of filings, reports, notices and other documents.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Regulatory streamlining measure
- Board's existing rulemaking authority
- Approved by Management Labor Advisory Committee

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies that the Board may adopt rules allowing for electronic transmission of all documents under its authority.

**BACKGROUND:** The Workers' Compensation Board is charged with providing timely and impartial resolution of disputes related to workers' compensation and safety laws. Board members promulgate administrative rules required for the performance of their duties, including rules of practice and procedure related to hearings and Board review proceedings. Historically, the Board's operations and communications have been issued in paper form; however, stakeholders and other state agencies have increased expectations of electronic communication. Statute currently requires mailing of filings, notices and other documents; original signatures on documents are also required under current law.

House Bill 2321 (2011) authorized public bodies to send notices electronically that are statutorily required to be sent by regular mail if the recipient of the correspondence agrees and if the electronic notices in question are not otherwise prohibited by law. Senate Bill 190-A authorizes the Workers' Compensation Board to adopt new rules and to revise existing rules related to the electronic transmission of filings, notices and other documents under the Board's authority.