

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Workforce

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Rosenbaum, Thatcher

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires subject employer to pay first installment of temporary disability compensation in workers' compensation claim within 14 days after employer has notice or knowledge of claim and of workers' disability if the medical provider authorizes the temporary disability compensation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenge for employer to know when to begin tolling 14-day period

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statutes require the employer to pay the first installment of temporary disability compensation (typically referred to as "time loss") within 14 days of notice or knowledge of the claim if the medical provider authorizes the payment. House Bill 2797-A changes the timeline to within 14 days of the employer's notice or knowledge of the claim and of the workers' disability if the medical provider authorizes the payment.