

HB 2192 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases term for members appointed to Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee from two years to three years.

No fiscal or revenue impacts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Time it takes for members of Management-Labor Advisory Committee to become versed in complexity of workers' compensation insurance program
- Whether longer term would deter people from serving on committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) is composed of ten members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services is an ex officio member of the committee. Five members represent the interests of labor and an equal number represent the interests of business. The members are appointed for a two-year term and serve without compensation but are entitled to travel expense reimbursement.

MLAC has statutory authority to study aspects of workers' compensation law that they choose or at the direction of the Director. In addition to advising the Director, MLAC is required to report to the Legislative Assembly any findings and recommendations the committee considers appropriate. This is typically conducted through a review and recommendation on pending legislation that impacts the workers' compensation system.

MLAC has voted to support the bill.