

**HB 2192 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hansell

**Senate Committee On Workforce**

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**Action Date:** 05/03/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Gelser, Hansell, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Taylor

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Makeup and duties of the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee
- Benefits of longer membership term to increase members' experience on addressing highly technical issues

**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 serves as 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 it chooses or as directed by 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.

House Bill 2192 increases the term of MLAC members from two years to three years.