HB 2040 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to specify through rule the claims data that must be reported and the method for doing so. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Establishes operative date of July 1, 2023. Authorizes Director to adopt rules regarding methods of reporting prior to the operative date.

BACKGROUND:

Workers' Compensation insurers and self-insured employers report claims data to the Department of Consumer and Business Services using paper forms or document images. Employees of the Department manually enter data from the forms into a database. The Department is embarking on a modernization program that will all computer-to-computer communication, which will eliminate the use of paper forms and human data entry.

House Bill 2040 authorizes the Department to determine by rule what type of claims information, such as accepted non-disabling claims, must be reported and the method of reporting.