

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Item 13: Department of Consumer and Business Services WCB Compensation Structure**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator McLane

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee received a report from the Department of Consumer and Business Services on the Workers' Compensation Board compensation structure.

The Department provided an update on the process taken to restructure the compensation plan for the Board Chair, Presiding Administrative Law Judge, and Administrative Law Judges. This included the Board setting Administrative Law Judge salaries, as authorized by statute, in reasonable conformity with the general salary structure of the state, effective July 2025, and reclassifying the Board Chair as an agency administrator, effective July 2024. The Board is funded by the Premium Assessment Operating Account and the total impact of these changes is an increase of \$1.3 million Other Funds. The Account has a sufficient ending fund balance to support these changes, and the Department will need to request additional Other Funds expenditure limitation on behalf of the Board.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report from the Department of Consumer and Business Services on the Workers' Compensation Board compensation structure.