



February 5, 2026

Sen. Kathleen Taylor, Chair
Senate Labor and Business Committee
Rep. Dacia Grayber, Chair
House Labor and Workforce Development Committee
Via email

Dear Chair Taylor and Chair Grayber,

The Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) has completed the review of SB 1506-1 and HB 4027-1.

We appreciate the continued engagement with MLAC by the legislature on issues of importance of the Workers' Compensation System.

As drafted SB 1506-1 and HB 4027-1, with the assurances put on the record by Senator Taylor on February 4, 2026, we are comfortable that the subaccount for BOLI expenses will not negatively impact the workers' compensation system.

Should any further interest in utilizing the Workers' Benefit Fund assessment mechanism arise in the future, we expect that MLAC will be engaged in those conversations.

Sincerely,

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