

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 01, 2022
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Syme, Representatives Harris, Kingsley, Christensen, Wisniewski, Horman, Hanks, Weber, McCann, Chew, Necochea, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
RS 29302: **Rep. Skaug** introduced **RS 29302** explaining it would streamline the worker's compensation process for employers and injured workers who choose to settle claims instead of go to a hearing. This legislation would eliminate the requirement of approval of the Industrial Commission, except for settlements involving minors or legally incompetent persons.
In response to questions about the Industrial Commission's involvement in creating this legislation, **Rep. Skaug** said they put it in front of the Commission but they never voiced an opinion on it.
MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 29302**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
**DOCKET NO.
09-0000-2100:** **Jani Revier**, Director of the Department of Labor, said **Docket No. 09-0000-2100** only makes two rule changes. The first change simplifies the standards for part-time employees to be eligible to receive unemployment benefits. In order to be eligible the claimant must be able to work full-time. The rule change will simplify the process by which claimants prove they worked part-time. The second rule change affects requires self employed claimants to report their gross earnings. These changes seek to make the system less cumbersome.
MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 09-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
**DOCKET NO.
59-0000-2100:** **Don Drum**, Executive Director of PERSI, presented **Docket No. 59-0000-2100** explaining the rule changes were to comply with the goal to reduce red tape. The major changes include eliminating administrative procedure rules and duplicate references to contribution rates as well as clarifying the definition of employer, the initiation of a benefit payment is tied to the application to retire, and the qualifications for return work employment.
MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 59-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43pm.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary