

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman, Packer, Redman, Kingsley, Moon, Syme, Scott, King, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Tom Limbaugh, Chairman, Patti Vaughn, Benefits Administration Manager, Nick Landry, Financial Officer, Idaho Industrial Commission

Chairman Hartgen called the meeting to order at 1:32PM.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 25th, 2018 with the change to notate that **Rep. Holtzclaw** was present for that meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mr. Tom Limbaugh, Chairman from the Idaho Industrial Commission (herein recorded as IIC) gave a brief overview of what the commission does and how they do it.

DOCKET NO. 17-0204-1701: **Mr. Nick Landry**, Financial Officer, IIC, explained **Docket No. 17-0204-1701** was a housekeeping measure to create consistency between administrative rule and **H 55** from the 2015 legislative session, repealing the sunset date for expanded eligibility criteria.

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0204-1701**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 17-0207-1701: **Ms. Patti Vaughn**, Benefits Administration Manager, IIC, explained **Docket No. 17-0207-1701** was an extension for the implementation date of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards' (IAIABC) EDI Claims Release 3.0 standard for reporting systems.

In response to questions from the committee, **Ms. Vaughn** explained the majority of partners were up to date, and they do still accept some paper claims from employees and their lawyers.

MOTION: **Rep. Anderson** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0207-1701**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 17-0208-1701: **Ms. Vaughn** explained **Docket No. 17-0208-1701** was to clarify when an injured worker is entitled to a written notice of a change of claim status.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0208-1701**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 17-0210-1701: **Ms. Vaughn** explained the history behind **Docket No. 17-0210-1701** and that it would change the deadlines by which claims administrators had to determine compensability of a claim; creates the waiver option for insurance carriers to change payment regularity from weekly to bi-weekly or monthly; and clarifies the legislation for sureties to understand what is expected for purposes of the audit process.

Rep. Packer brought up concerns presented to the committee in the form of written testimony prior to the meeting that was also sent in to the IIC in November 2017. The concerns were presented to the committee by **Ms. Vaughn's** predecessor, **Mr. Scott McDougall** who was unable to attend the committee meeting. (Attachment 1)

In response to the concerns, **Mr. Limbaugh** stated that concerns brought forward about the rule had stemmed from confusion regarding the rule making process and that the IIC's committees and subcommittees never hold a formal vote, they only take a general consensus regarding issues brought before them before moving them forward in the required processes.

In response to further questions from the committee, **Ms. Vaughn** went on to explain that the costs created, if any, would come from existing funds and the IIC's partners. She also stated that to her knowledge no response was sent to **Mr. McDougall** when he sent them his written testimony in November 2017.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0210-1701**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- DOCKET NO. 17-0211-1701:** **Ms. Vaughn** explained **Docket No. 17-0211-1701** was to mirror **Docket No. 17-0210-1701** for self-insured employers to create consistency in requirements.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0211-1701**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:09PM.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Amie Taylor
Secretary