

HB 2123.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Addresses the workers' compensation system relating to:

- (1) Creating the Washington stay-at-work program;
- (2) Eliminating the cost-of-living adjustment for fiscal year 2012 and delaying the first cost-of-living adjustment;
- (3) Claim resolution structured settlement agreements;
- (4) Deducting prior permanent partial disability awards from pensions and eliminating interest on unpaid permanent partial disability benefits;
- (5) Safety and health investment grants; and
- (6) Worker, employer, and provider fraud.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, in consultation with the department of labor and industries and the workers' compensation advisory committee, to conduct a performance audit of the workers' compensation claims management system. Expires December 31, 2015.

Requires the department of labor and industries to: (1) Create a Washington stay-at-work account; and

- (2) Contract with an independent entity with research experience in workers' compensation issues to study occupational disease claims in the workers' compensation system.

Creates an industrial insurance rainy day fund.