
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8410

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By Senators Gaspard, Vognild and Newhouse

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1 WHEREAS, The efficient operation of the state's industrial
2 insurance program has a profound impact on the operation of businesses
3 in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, Adequate workers' compensation benefits are essential to
5 ameliorate the devastating impact of industrial injuries and
6 occupational diseases on the workers of this state and their families;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The equity and adequacy of workers' compensation benefits
9 is a matter of delicate balance of the interests of workers and their
10 employers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
12 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a legislative
13 task force on workers' compensation be appointed by the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to review the
15 state's industrial insurance system and make recommendations on the
16 following issues:

17 (1) The adequacy and equity of the industrial insurance benefit
18 structure with regard to death and disability benefit increases;

19 (2) Alternative benefit formulas such as utilizing spendable income
20 in the computation;

1 (3) The effectiveness and efficiency of claims management services
2 with the department; and

3 (4) Alternative claims management options; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force consists of up to
5 fourteen voting members, as follows:

6 (1) Two members from each caucus of the senate, appointed by the
7 president of the senate, with at least two members from the membership
8 of the labor and commerce committee;

9 (2) Two members from each caucus of the house of representatives,
10 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, with at least
11 two members from the membership of the commerce and labor committee;
12 and

13 (3) Three representatives of business, including self-insurers, and
14 self-insured public employers; and three representatives of labor
15 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
16 house of representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of labor and industries
18 shall cooperate with the task force and the deputy director of the
19 department of labor and industries in charge of industrial insurance
20 shall be the nonvoting chairperson. The task force shall use
21 legislative staff and facilities, but may hire additional staff with
22 specific technical expertise if such expertise is necessary to carry
23 out the mandates of this section. All expenses of the task force,
24 including travel, shall be paid jointly by the senate and the house of
25 representatives; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its
27 findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees
28 by December 1, 1994. The task force shall expire July 1, 1995.

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