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Legislative Finance Committee Montana State Fund/Workers' Compensation Subcommittee
March 6, 2008 Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Representative Ron Erickson, Chairman
Senator Keith Bales
Senator David Wanzenried

Staff in Attendance:

Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

The March 6, 20087 subcommittee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Erickson.

The subcommittee heard:

- A presentation by Mike Taylor, State Relations, National Council on Compensation Insurance on Workers' Compensation Ratemaking
- A presentation by Lanny Hubbard, MSF on Components of the Loss Cost Multiplier for MSF
- A discussion with Mari Kindberg, State Auditor's Office on Private Workers' Compensation Carriers Oversight
- A presentation by Connie Welsh, Department of Administration, on Cost Savings in Workers' Compensation for State Agencies
- A presentation by Mark Barry, MSF, on Revised Recommendations to the LFC on the 2008 Budget Analysis of MSF
- A presentation by Kris Wilkinson, LFD, on Cash and Accrual Budgeting Methodology

The committee discussed a request of the MSF general counsel to respond in writing as to the statement that to implement the recommendation reduces the effectiveness of the budgeting function.

The committee requested additional reports on the following:

- Narrative explanation of the examples for cash and accrual budgeting
- Difference in oversight in MSF and Private Insurance Companies
- Labor Management Advisory Council activities and recommended legislation
- Need for Loss-cost multiplier and individual modifiers
- Early return to work and safety and prevention initiatives at MSF
- Assessment of State Agency Premiums

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.