

Fiscal impact: The funding for the independent performance evaluation is provided via a continuing appropriation. Future evaluation costs will be eliminated.

**SB 2039: WSI Legislative Reports [WSI Board Supports]
(Interim Legislative Workers' Compensation Review Committee Bill)**

Senate IB Vote: DP 5-0 Senate Vote: 43-3

- Removes the requirement that WSI provide the Legislative Management with reports on current and completed pilot programs and compiled data relating to safety grants (65-01-19 & 65-03-05).
- Removes the requirement that WSI and Office of Administrative Hearings provide the Legislative Management with quarterly updates on the statistical information regarding results under the case processing standards and policies (54-57-09).

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact is anticipated.

**SB 2040: Workers' Compensation Review Committee [WSI Board Neutral]
(Interim Legislative Workers' Compensation Review Committee Bill)**

Senate IB Vote: DP 5-0 Senate Vote: 43-3

- Repeals the interim Legislative Workers' Compensation Review Committee (54-35-22).

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact is anticipated.

**SB 2116: WSI Red Tape Bill [WSI Board Supports]
(WSI Agency Bill)**

Senate WD Vote: Senate Vote:

- Repeals WSI Information Fund (65-01-13).
- Removes requirement for WSI to produce a biennial report under § 54-06-04, and repeals § 65-02-09 regarding general information to the public and biennial reports.
- Repeals claim file retention statute requiring file retention until 10 years post death (65-02-28).
- Amends the safety regulation and enforcement statute to conform to current practice (65-03-01).
- Repeals the penalty for violation of safety rules or regulations (65-03-02).
- Eliminates an unnecessary financial report to OMB.
- Eliminates the educational revolving loan fund.
- Repeals the retrospective rating program (65-04-17.1).

Fiscal impact: No significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

SB 2175 (Eng.): Notification Requirements [WSI Board Opposes]

Sponsors: Sen. Vedaa; Reps. Louser, Thomas

Senate IB Vote: DNP 5-0 Amended Senate Vote: 5-41

- Requires WSI to provide notification via mail at different intervals to an injured worker when disability benefits are subject to reduction at time of retirement eligibility.

Fiscal impact: No significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

SB 2214 (Eng.): Exclusion of Athletes in Contact Sports from Definition of Employee [WSI Board Neutral]

Sponsors: Sen. Magrum, Boehm; Reps. Christenson, S. Olson

Senate IB Vote: DP 5-0 Amended Senate Vote:

- Excludes athletes in the contact sports of football and hockey from the definition of employee.
- Provides a sunset on the legislation for August 31, 2028.

Fiscal impact: Workers compensation coverage for athletes in the specified contact sports would no longer be required resulting in no premium assessments or losses arising from this employee class.

SB 2218: Retirement Presumption and Additional Benefit [WSI Board Opposes]

Sponsors: Sen. Vedaa; Reps. Anderson, Louser, Thomas

Senate IB Vote: Senate Vote:

- Provides that injured workers will continue receiving wage-loss benefits past their social security presumed retirement age in lieu of the existing additional benefit payable benefit currently received post-retirement.
- Eliminates the three-year cap on disability benefits for employees injured post-retirement.

Fiscal impact: It is estimated that the proposed legislation will increase discounted reserve levels in excess of \$100 million and will serve to increase statewide premium rates by approximately 1.2%.

SB 2255: Professional Sports Organizations [WSI Board Opposes]

Sponsors: Sen. Magrum, Boehm; Rep. S. Olson

Bill Withdrawn

- Excludes all employees of a professional sports organization engaged as professional athletes from the definition of hazardous employment.

Fiscal impact: Workers compensation coverage for professional sports organizations would no longer be required resulting in no premium assessments or losses arising from these types of organizations.