

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Romrell, Chaney, Horman, Nielsen, Packer, Redman, King, Chew, Rudolph

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Chew

GUESTS: Scott McDougal, Courtney Butler, Mary Stumpp, Mindy Montgomery, and Tony Limbaugh, Idaho Industrial Committee; Wayne Hammon, Idaho AGC; Seneca Hull, Franz Witte, Josh McKenna, Amy Hohnstein, Michael Johnson, Idaho Dept. of Labor; Jonathon Oppenheimer, ICL; Roger Seiber, Capital West

Chairman Hartgen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Anderson** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 09-0106-1501: **Amy Hohnstein**, Chief Appeals Bureau, presented **Docket No. 09-0106-1501**. This rule will allow the Department of Labor to send notices of hearing to interested parties or by electronic transmission.

MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 09-0106-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 09-0130-1501: **Joshua McKenna**, Benefit Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Labor, presented **Docket No. 09-0130-1501**. Changes allow workers to receive unemployment insurance benefits for a maximum of 16 weeks while they are laid off if they meet all remaining eligibility requirements of the unemployment insurance program. This would be a change from the current maximum of 12 weeks. This will benefit employers by allowing them to retain skilled workers who are laid off for short periods of time. It also waives the work search requirement for seasonal worker with confirmed return to work dates.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 09-0130-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 17-0206-1501: **Scott McDougal**, Benefits Administration Manager, Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-0206-1501**. The Commission intends to implement a secured electronic interchange of documents system. This would allow for submission of all workers compensation claims to be reported electronically to the Commission alleviating repetitive data entry.

In response to the committee questions, **Scott McDougal** clarified that if someone is unable to submit a claim electronically they can still locate a hard copy on the website or in person at the Commission's office.

MOTION: **Rep. Rudolph** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0206-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 17-0207-1501: **Scott McDougal**, Benefits Administration Manager, Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-0207-1501**. The rule amendments would allow the Commission to adopt and incorporate by reference in rule the industry standard of the current International Association of Industrial Accidental Boards and Commission. Updates to the EDI Guide would be made available on IIC website.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0207-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 17-0208-1501:** **Scott McDougal**, Benefits Administration Manager, Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-0208-1501.** This change allows the party giving notice may supply to copy to the Industrial Commission in accordance with the Commissions' rule on electronic submission of documents.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Anderson** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0208-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 17-0210-1501:** **Scott McDougal**, Benefits Administration Manager, Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-0210-1501.** The proposed rule amendment defines a Claims Administrator who adjusts workers' compensation claims in the State of Idaho, this adjuster would be a resident of the State of Idaho. Each claims administrator shall only have one mailing address on record at the Commission for claims adjusting purposes. Also, each insurance carrier will maintain a claims administrator employing and Idaho license, resident adjuster, or the carrier's own Idaho adjusting officers who have been appointed and given full authority to make claims adjusting decisions and authorize the payment of all compensation due.
- MOTION** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0210-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 17-0211-1501:** **Scott McDougal**, Benefits Administration Manager, Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-0211-1501.** This rule allows self insured employers to self adjust their claims. Claims will be designated in writing to a claims administrator employing an Idaho licensed resident adjuster, they do not have to live in Idaho, but shall only have one address on record at the Commission for claims and adjusting purposes.
- Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0211-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Chelsea Cantrell
Secretary