

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1034

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution relating to workers' compensation; encouraging the State Board for Property and Casualty Rates to approve a workers' compensation rate decrease; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the State Board for Property and Casualty Rates is responsible for approving the rates and rating plans filed by workers' compensation insurers pursuant to Section 900.1 et seq. of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature has enacted numerous workers' compensation reforms over the past few years, including but not limited to establishing and funding a Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit, establishing an Independent Medical Examiner system to eliminate dueling doctors, increasing safety requirements, authorizing certified workplace medical plans to provide quality care at lower costs, and establishing a mediation system to encourage employers and employees to work together to settle claims quickly; and

WHEREAS, past reforms are continually being implemented in the workers' compensation system, resulting in continued improvements in the system; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Compensation Insurers has stated that they anticipate asking for a decrease in rates later this year when their actuary has more current data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the State Board for Property and Casualty Rates to carefully consider the workers' compensation reforms passed in recent years when hearing the arguments for a workers' compensation rate change for 1998.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the State Board for Property and Casualty Rates to approve an appropriate decrease in workers' compensation rates in light of the positive effects of the recent workers' compensation reforms.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does not presume to make any recommendation regarding experience and trend adjustments, but rather requests a decrease in workers' compensation rates based on recent reforms in addition to any decrease in rates based on experience and trend adjustments.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the members of the State Board for Property and Casualty Rates, the Governor, the Attorney General of Oklahoma, and the State Insurance Commissioner.

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