

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1042____

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution creating the Task Force on Workers' Compensation Multiple Rating Organizations and Statistical Agents; stating membership; stating duties of the Task Force; requiring submission of a report; stating contents of report; providing for travel reimbursement; and directing distribution of report.

WHEREAS, a competitive marketplace for workers' compensation insurance is a matter of statewide concern; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma has a responsibility to ensure marketplace stability for workers' compensation insurance in the state; and

WHEREAS, the issue of multiple workers' compensation rating organizations and statistical agents presents the opportunity for multiple rates and experience modification factors for the same employer; and

WHEREAS, the issue of multiple workers' compensation rating organizations and statistical agents has the potential to generate increased costs and system inefficiencies due to fragmenting the workers' compensation database; and

WHEREAS, the issue of multiple workers' compensation rating organizations and statistical agents presents the potential for delays in providing necessary pricing information to consumers; and

WHEREAS, the issue of multiple workers' compensation rating organizations and statistical agents creates the potential for marketplace confusion; and

WHEREAS, the issue of multiple workers' compensation rating organizations and statistical agents potentially affects all employers and workers in the state of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the current Oklahoma Statutes do not address all the issues involved in the simultaneous operation of multiple workers' compensation rating organizations and/or statistical agents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT there is hereby created until February 1, 2000, a Task Force on Workers' Compensation Multiple Rating Organizations and Statistical Agents. The Task Force shall be comprised of not more than seven (7) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select the chair from the members of the Task Force.

THAT the Task Force shall study, review, and make recommendations relating to the issue of multiple rating organizations and statistical agents in the workers' compensation insurance marketplace in Oklahoma. In performing its duties, the Task Force shall take into consideration the effect of multiple rating organizations and statistical agents on the:

1. Preservation of a competitive marketplace;
2. Preservation of marketplace stability;
3. Potential increase in systems costs;
4. Delays in providing consumer cost information;
5. Potential increase for fraud and abuse;
6. Maintenance of system credibility through a uniform statistical rating premium policy and classification database; and
7. Positive and negative market place impacts of other states actions on the workers' compensation multiple statistical agents issues.

THAT the Task Force shall submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives making recommendations on the issue of multiple rating organizations and statistical agents in the Oklahoma workers' compensation marketplace no later than February 1, 2000.

THAT Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the Task Force in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Insurance Commissioner, the Commissioner of the State Insurance Fund, and the Members of the State Board of Property and Casualty Rates.

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