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February 14, 2008 ... Public Hearing

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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2007-08

(session year)

### Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

### Committee on ... Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs (SC-LEUA)

#### COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

#### INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)  
(**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)  
(**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                              (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

# LEUA Public Hearing

## WC (SB 430/AB 758)

Frances Huntley-Cooper, James Buchen, David Newby

- agreed bill standard
- legis. normally doesn't change
- bus. + industry agreement
- WC WC considered model pgm. nationally
  - rapid return to wk.
  - others
- 1<sup>st</sup> state to have const. WC pgm
- parties @ interest negotiate
- some issues not clarified, but compromise reached
- modest bill
  - modest increases
  - health care cost containment
- sound system in state
- thx for jt. hrgs.
- very little disagreement w/ SB testimony
- \$10/wk. benefit increase
- christian science
- PED benefits
- raised indemnity payment to 1992 level
- would have liked bigger increase for permanent total disability
  - labor top priority

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- Lance: ? - impact on small employers
- rate setting mechanism for private employers
  - rates have been going down recently
    - partly due to less claims
  - payment rates also depends on nature of industry
  - not much effect from this bill

Wiedert: ? - if industry improves standards, does that get reflected?

- yes, in rates
- separate rating bureau takes care of that

Nass: bill supposed to go untouched, probably will this time

Wisch: independent contractors a drain - should pay in

Grothman: likes Christian Science inclusion

Adam Peier (NAPCO)

- written testimony

- no ?'s

SC reads registrations

more SE related

UI (SB 431 / AB 757)

Hal Bergan, Phil Nevenfeldt, James Bucher

PN

- must keep funds solvent
- bill takes steps to prevent fund imbalance
  - would have to borrow from feds
- have to kind of hope economy doesn't tank
- labor made concessions to keep fund solvent
- agreed bill, had public hearings
- long term solvency of fund

JB

- 20 yrs. since any revenue adjustments
  - problem began in '96 - taxes couldn't cover payments
  - tax rate on <sup>1st</sup> \$10.5k
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WB

Haradd - what happens if economy tanks?

- have to borrow from feds @ exorbitant interest rates

Gottlieb - administrative change / IT problems

- heavily dependent on IS

Nass - - -

Wayne Carey, ~~HR~~ WIB

- Nonadel demonstrates how real-world experience helps
- represents 16,000 small employers
  - have been informing them for 16 mos. that this is coming
- tax increase is necessary
- no ?'s

Nonadel reads registrations