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Unions' Big 4 Agenda

HF 2420 – “Fair Share/Reimbursements”

HF 795/SF 155 – Workers' Comp Direction of Care

HF 821 - Open Scope Collective Bargaining

HF 2421 – Prevailing Wage



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Workers' Compensation

- o Best medical care available
- o Less than 2% request alternative medical care
- o Formal petitions for adjudication down 4 consecutive years
- o More than 96% resolved WITHOUT formal adjudication

Source: Iowa Workforce Development



Workers' Compensation Benefits

1.	District of Columbia	\$1,355
2.	Iowa	\$1,257
3.	New Hampshire	\$1,255
4.	Vermont	\$ 950
5.	Rhode Island	\$ 908

NCCI Projection: Up to \$100 million (+13%)

+ Self Insureds

+ State and local gov't



2010 Legislation

- HF 2382 – allows police and fire employed by Chapter 411 cities unlimited medical choice
- Amendment H-8177 – city may direct if “unreasonable” increase costs



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OT/COLA

- SF 2285 - Require inclusion of overtime and premium pay for benefits, also COLA for PTD and death



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Recent History of Work Comp Legislation

2005-2007 – 2 bills passed

2008 – 4 bills passed

2009 – 3 bills passed



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Work Comp Advisory Committee

All Stakeholders

- 5 Labor
- 5 Business
- 5 Insurance
- 5 Claimants' Attorneys
- 5 Defense Attorneys
- 1 Agriculture
- 1 Medical



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Work Comp Advisory Committee Bills

- SF 2303 – 2008
- SF 421 – 2007
- SF 342 – 2005



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2009

- SF 262/SF 478 – Penalty Benefits
- SF 226 – Cancer presumption Police/Fire
- SF 478 – Out of State Injuries



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2008

- HF 2542 Out of State Injuries
- HF 2568 Shift Differential Pay
- SF 2221 Burial Benefits
- SF 2303 Work Comp Advisory Comm



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