

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, strike lines 8 through 13 and substitute:

2         "(II) It is an injured worker's duty to establish a workers'  
3 compensation claim and entitlement to benefits following an industrial  
4 injury, and to successfully do so, an injured worker must research and  
5 follow a complicated set of rules established by our legal system. This  
6 duty can be overwhelming, especially while also dealing with the pain  
7 and suffering of a physical injury. This act is not intended to interfere  
8 with a healthy working relationship between an employer and employee  
9 and should not be interpreted to disallow or discourage an employer from  
10 assisting an injured worker that needs help in navigating a claim.".

11 Page 3, strike lines 26 and 27.

12 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 7 and substitute:

13         "(V) Many Colorado employers use third-party administrators and  
14 insurance providers to handle their workers' compensation claims. The  
15 third-party administrators are often located outside the state and are a step  
16 removed from an injured worker. As a result of the separation, third-party  
17 administrators delay and deny care with more frequency than workers'  
18 compensation insurers. The workers' compensation system should take  
19 action to ensure that third-party administrators are being held to the same  
20 standard as insurers.".

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