

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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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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