

**South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation
Workers' Compensation Advisory Council
2017 Annual Report**

This document serves as the report of meetings, discussions, and recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, pursuant to SDCL 62-2-10. Council members include Lt. Governor Matt Michels (chair), Guy Bender, Peter Bullene, Carol Hinderaker, Russ Hohn, Jean Murphy, Kory Rawstern, Randy Stainbrook, Daniel Tribby, and the nonvoting member Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) Secretary Marcia Hultman. The report is available to any interested person or groups and can be found on the DLR website at dlr.sd.gov.

South Dakota's base premium rates for workers' compensation insurance for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 decreased an average of 1.3 percent in both the voluntary and assigned-risk markets, with a 15-point "swing" up and down (a maximum increase of 13.7 percent or decrease of 16.3 percent). These base rates do not factor in "experience-modification" adjustments, which change some individual employers' premium rates based on injury claims.

Council action for 2017 began at the June 19, 2017, meeting. The Council received the DLR Division of Labor and Management's report about the state of the system, and the public offered comments on several issues.

The Council held its second meeting via conference call on October 30, 2017. No recommendations were made for legislative or other changes.

Submitted documents and Council minutes will be available on DLR's web site at http://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/meetings.aspx.

Respectfully submitted on December 31, 2017, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.