

2018 Annual Report
SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

This document serves as the report of meetings, discussions, and recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC), pursuant to SDCL 62-2-10. The report is available to any interested person or groups and can be found on the Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) website at dlr.sd.gov.

Council members include Lt. Governor Matt Michels (chair), Guy Bender, Peter Bullene, Russ Hohn, Jean Murphy, Kory Rawstern, Randy Stainbrook, Daniel Tribby, and non-voting member, DLR Cabinet Secretary Marcia Hultman.

South Dakota's base premium rates for workers' compensation insurance for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 decreased an average of 7 percent in the voluntary and 18.4 in the assigned-risk markets, with a 15-point variance (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.

WCAC action for 2018 began at the July 26, 2018, 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 9, 2018. No recommendations were made for legislation or other changes.

Submitted documents and Council minutes are available at http://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/meetings.aspx.

Respectfully submitted on December 31, 2018, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.