

## **2024 Workers' Compensation Advisory Council Bill HF4661 (Wolgamott)**

### **SUMMARY**

HF4661 contains 50 sections with amendments to chapter 176, many of which are technical or cleanup provisions. The bill includes:

- statutory clarifications and updated references as recommended by the Office of Administrative Hearings;
- technical changes to certain provisions in chapter 176;
- clarifying rulemaking authority for Office of Administrative Hearings and the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals related to electronic filing, certification of electronic signatures, and interventions;
- describing when employees can be referred to DLI's vocational rehabilitation unit for certain disputes;
- clarifying attorney access to workers' compensation claim documents in DLI's technology system;
- revising the calculation of average weekly wage for short-term agricultural workers;
- adjusting the maximum dollar limit on workers' compensation attorney fees;
- amending the calculation of maximum weekly compensation for temporary total disability benefits;
- describing notice requirements for discontinuation of vocational rehabilitation services;
- specifying a penalty for charging in excess of statutory allowances for electronic medical records;
- raising the allowable costs for remodeling awards for permanently and totally disabled employees;
- updating the penalty amount for violations regarding required notice and payment timelines surrounding the benefit discontinuance process; and
- changing the time allowed for filing an answer to a claim petition.