

HB 1940 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSOURI DIVISION OF WORKER'S
COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: May

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Standards and Development by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation composed of seven members from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, with no more than four members from one party, and seven members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem and Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, with no more than four members from one party. Each member's appointment will be for the member's term of office or until a successor is appointed when a member's term has expired. A majority of the committee will constitute a quorum but the concurrence of a majority of the members is required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties, which are specified in the bill.

The provisions of this bill will expire on January 30, 2021.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that a joint committee is important because we need to determine issues before we begin implementing changes and passing laws. The joint committee could evaluate whether there is a disparity among claimants who are being paid and, if so, it could work to eliminate the disparity and make claim payments equal across the board.

Testifying for the bill was Representative May.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.