

HB 115 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Remole

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, volunteers for certain not-for-profit organizations are excluded from workers' compensation coverage. This bill amends the law to also exclude members of the board of directors of such organizations from workers' compensation coverage.

This bill is the same as HB 2438 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that non-profits have to pay their board members workers' compensation even though many of the board members are volunteers who do not receive compensation to serve on the board. For example, a non-profit with a 12-person board would have to fund \$500,000 in workers' compensation. However, if they exempt themselves, they will not be able to volunteer at events. If a non-profit wants to carry workers' compensation insurance, the issue is it has to carry it for board members, too.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Remole; Mary Bonuchi; and Donald Bonuchi, Shoes From The Heart.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.