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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 176, L.D. 444, Bill, “An Act To Improve Workers' Compensation Coverage for All Injured Workers”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Study Improving Protections for Injured Workers Whose Employers Have Wrongfully Not Secured Workers' Compensation Payments'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Workers' Compensation Board to study and report. Resolved: That the Workers' Compensation Board shall conduct a study on the issue of improving protections for injured workers whose employers have wrongfully not secured workers' compensation payments, including the prevalence of the problem and potential funding sources to address the problem, and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by January 30, 2014 with recommendations and draft implementing legislation to address this problem; and be it further

Sec. 2. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to the report of the Workers' Compensation Board submitted pursuant to section 1.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Workers' Compensation Board to study the issue of improving protections for injured workers whose employers have wrongfully not secured workers' compensation payments and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development with recommendations and draft implementing legislation to address this problem by January 30, 2014. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce,

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1 Research and Economic Development has authority to report out a bill related to the
2 report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)