

HB 2438 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Remole

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Employment Security by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0 with 1 present.

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.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will clarify that board members of a not-for-profit acting as volunteers do not need to be covered by workers' compensation insurance.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Remole and Sherry Coram and Julie Hayes, Shoes From The Heart.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say while the Department of Labor guidance is accurate, this bill would help prevent others from providing an inaccurate interpretation of the insurance coverage requirements.

Testifying on the bill was Reid Forrester.