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TO: Economic Affairs Interim Committee
FROM: Bart Campbell
RE: April/May rule review

Dept. of Labor and Industry

Generally revising rules pertaining to Plan One self-insured employers under the Workers' Compensation Act to clarify the applicability of the former Occupational Disease Act to a self-insurer's liability despite the repeal of the Act in 2005 and the incorporation of those provisions into the Workers' Compensation Act., and general revisions to improve clarity and update language of rules.

Dept. of Livestock

Amending rule pertaining to the designated surveillance area for brucella exposure to expand the area due to an elk study by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks that revealed a significant number of brucellosis-exposed elk so that cattle operations overlapping the range of those elk are included in the surveillance area.

Amending several rules and adopting new rules authorizing freeze branding for cattle of certain breeds under certain conditions and clarifying wording for better producer understanding of the rules.

State Auditor

Adopting six new rules pertaining to the securities restitution fund with respect to calculating restitution ratios if the fund approaches zero, review procedures for applications for reimbursement, adopting definitions, and establishing a committee and committee procedures for determining award recommendations.