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Acting Commissioner Tom Lopach
Montana Department of Labor & Industry
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by intraoffice mail

Dear Commissioner Lopach,

A majority of the members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) voted object to Montana Administrative Register Notice 24-29-352. This notice relates to the amendment and repeal of rules pertaining to the description of a prosthesis for the purpose of reopening medical benefits in workers' compensation claims.

The EAIC made its objection under Montana Code Annotated section 2-4-305(9). This statute requires the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) to delay the adoption of the proposed rule until, at the least, the next committee meeting. The Department may nevertheless hold its public hearing and receive public comment on the rule notice.

For the next EAIC meeting, the committee requests that the Department attend and report on public comments received relating to the rule notice.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, presiding officer