

In attendance:

- Roger Beyer, lobbyist
- Lisa Lettenmaier, State President-Elect
- Sue Davis
- Kate Beck
- Mai-Han Shultz
- Dave Willis
- Kristy Henning
- Paul Hagemann
- John Thunell
- Tracy Boster
- Mary Louise VanNatta, Staff

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

### **Governmental Affairs- Roger Beyer**

May 19 is the last day for bills to be scheduled

#### SB 332 (rebates)

- Passed senate.
- Referred to House Health Committee but health insurance is not affected.
- House PH was held May 1. Not well attended. Nationwide was in support, NAIFA in opposition. WS at 3 pm. It is likely to pass.
- State Farm went to neutral because of Senate amendments. Agents would also be able to offer incentives.
- Not a rebate of premium.

#### SB 95

- Status: Passed Senate 9 no votes (all R's).
- Will move to House Judiciary and no action scheduled.
- Similar bill that deals with financial institutions (exempted from SB 95) that allows these institutions "not to" distribute funds if they believe financial abuse/foul play. It doesn't make them mandatory reporters, however. Trial attorneys are paying attention and opposing the bill b/c they believe that financial institutions should be reporters.
- Beyer will meet with chair and explain concerns about protections for reporters.
- Reporting time was changed from "immediately" to "as soon as practical."
- Expectation that this bill will be scheduled before the deadline.

ACTION: After Beyer's meeting with Chairman Barker, he will contact Hagemann about contacting the committee chair.

SB 737:

- Non-economic damages for wrongful death claims.
- It's on our list, but it is becoming interesting because it is the trial lawyers #1 bill.
- Not passed Senate.

SB 977 (non-compete clauses)

- Bill died which would have allowed non competes to be only 6 months.

Senate Revenue & Finance

- New gross receipts tax.
- Senate plan is low % of tax on gross receipts (.25%, no exceptions).
- House plan is a higher % tax (1% on corporations on businesses with more than \$5M in gross sales).
- Question: What becomes a *gross receipt* for insurance agents? This would affect commissions.
- Agents can't increase their commissions when their taxes increase.
- Beyer wants legislators to understand how this type of tax would affect insurance sales and carriers.

HB 2005: Pay Equity (anyone in a protected class cannot be paid less based on their class)

- Version that passed the House was terrible for employers.
- Senate version is being reworked extensively, the compromise is slightly better.
- NFIB opposes.
- Beyer expects it to pass.
- Ability to sue will not start until 2022 to help employers getting in to compliance.
- **Important!** 91 days after signed it is illegal to ask candidates what their previous compensation levels were. Comes from a recent ruling of 9th Circuit Court noting employers cannot base future compensation on past compensation.

HB 2858 (bad faith and second lawsuit for insurance)

- Has had two public hearings to date

**Health- Lisa Lettenmaier**

- Oregon: Waiting for the May 15 deadline for the carriers to post their information/rates.
- National Level: House passed AHCA, and people are getting worked up about it, even though it still has to go to the Senate.
- Open enrollment will be Nov 1 - Dec 15.
- Medicare plan timeline: Oct 15- Dec 7.
- Unclear if IRS will impose ACA penalties this year.

Hagemann said 7:45 am at Jake's on May 11 he will listen to Schrader. Members welcome to join.

Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:00 a.m.,

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