

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2219

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Amundson

**3. Committee**    Commerce and Labor

**4. Title**           Workers' compensation; alternative dispute resolution.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Authorizes an employer primarily engaged in the construction business and a collective bargaining representative of its employees, with which the employer has a signatory agreement, to negotiate a dispute resolution system, which may include mediation and binding arbitration. The system would be an alternative to dispute resolution procedures in the Workers' Compensation Act. Such agreements may also address the use of an agreed list of health care providers for treatment and examinations, light duty and return-to-work programs, and vocational rehabilitation or retraining. Settlements must be approved by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Arbitration decisions may be reviewed in the same manner as decisions of deputy commissioners.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** No

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Workers' Compensation Commission

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** Identical to SB 1013

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