

# Labor and Public Employees Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5250  
AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE  
**Title:** WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.  
**Vote Date:** 3/10/2022  
**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute  
**PH Date:** 3/3/2022  
**File No.:** 83

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Labor and Public Employees Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

Statutes need to be codified and amended to address outdated statutory language. This bill makes necessary changes to statutes like replacing “administrative law judge” with “chairperson” to codify the current practice where notices regarding inclusion or exclusion under the Workers’ Compensation Act are sent to the Office of the Chairman for central processing rather than to individual district offices.

### SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

To ensure statutes are updated to reflect gender neutral pronouns, the term “chairman” was replaced with “chairperson” throughout the entirety of the bill.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Workers' Compensation Commission, Chairman, Stephen M. Morelli: supports this bill offering suggestions to codify the current practice ensuring that statutory language will align with modern administrative practices and promote a framework to enhance future electronic capabilities.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

CT Trial Lawyers Association, Chair, M Lyon: supports this bill stating that these changes are necessary.

CT. Education Association, Legal Counsel, Melanie I. Kolek: supports this bill stating that it is a fundamental due process issue for CT's educators that needs updating.

Service Employees International Union, CT. State Council, Stacey Zimmerman supports this bill.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

Connecticut, Resident, David Godbout; opposes this bill.

**Reported by:** Marie Knudsen

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