

To: Members of Labor and Public Employees Committee

From: Lisa A. Davis

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Re: H.B. No. 5740 An Act Concerning Ergonomics And Workplace Safety

My name is Lisa Davis and I am a Risk Analyst for the Town of West Hartford overseeing the workers' compensation program. I am very concerned over proposed bill HB-5740 An Act Concerning Ergonomics and Workplace Safety. My concerns/thoughts are this:

1. The medical records review violates the federal HIPPA laws,
2. The employees on the committee do not have specialized training in the field of ergonomics and by them making recommendations or adjustments to work sites could create claims of a malpractice sort by injuring an employee further and the employer would have the burden of a workers' compensation claim for the injury
3. The committee members would not have the knowledge of the cause or extent of what constitutes an ergonomic issue.
4. Most employees and I'm sure the legislature as well cannot even tell you what an MSD is let alone how to remedy one.

For the above reasons the Town totally opposes this bill.

Sincerely,
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