



**Public Hearing Testimony of
Scott Jackson, Commissioner
Department of Labor
Labor and Public Employees Committee
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Good Afternoon Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang, Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **House Bill No. 5506, An Act Studying the Liability of Employers for Hospital Services in Workers' Compensation Cases**. My name is Scott Jackson and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

The Department of Labor (DOL) opposes this bill to the extent that it tasks DOL with conducting a study and producing a report with administrative or legislative recommendations regarding the liability of employers for hospital services in workers' compensation cases. The Department does not have any expertise in the subject of employer liability in workers' compensation cases. The Department would need to contract with a consultant with specific expertise in this area to conduct such a study, as well as produce a report and recommendations, and would necessarily need additional funds to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I am available to answer any questions you may have.