

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2058  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that the commissioner of workers' compensation should have more flexibility in determining whether work-hardening or work-conditioning services provided by a health care facility should be subject to a requirement for preauthorization and concurrent review by the applicable insurance carrier. H.B. 2058 seeks to provide for such flexibility.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the commissioner of workers' compensation in SECTION 1 of this bill.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2058 amends the Labor Code to remove the specification that the work-hardening or work-conditioning services for which rules of the commissioner of workers' compensation are required to provide that preauthorization and concurrent review by the applicable insurance carrier are required at a minimum are such services provided by a health care facility that is not credentialed by an organization recognized by commissioner rules. The bill authorizes the commissioner to exempt by rule from such preauthorization and concurrent review work-hardening or work-conditioning services provided by a health care facility that is credentialed by an organization designated by commissioner rule.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.