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Re: HB2545, HB2752, HB2929 Relating to Workers' Compensation

HMA opposes passage of this bill in its present form, because if removes the balance that is currently in place between the employee's right to chose a treating physician(s) and the employer's ability to seek expert second opinion. HMA agrees that the hearings process should be streamlined.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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