



# Representative Reggie Joule

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## Department of Law & Department Labor and Workforce Development Answers on Worker's Compensations Claims and HB 258 Immunity

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**From:** Scavera, Paula D (DOL)  
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**To:** Badgley, Cori M (LAW); Brodie Anderson  
**Cc:** Anjilvel, Saritha R (LAW)  
**Subject:** RE: HB 258 (naturally occurring asbestos) - Immunity and Work

After reviewing HB 258 within the Department (including the Workers' Compensation Division), the Department agrees with the Department of Law's assessment of the bill. Thank you. Paula Scavera

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Brodie,

Per our discussion, we asked our immunity experts about worker's compensation, and it turns out that as worker's compensation is considered a benefit rather than a claim, it is typically NOT affected by immunity statutes. We are looking into this further with the specific immunity language in the bill in mind, but I wanted to let you know that this is our initial conclusion.

Department of Labor might also have some thoughts on worker's compensation from an administration and policy point of view.

Thanks!

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