

# Wyoming Liberty Index

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## **HB0139, Workers' compensation-mental injury.**

Sponsors: Representative(s) Watt

### **Comments**

allows compensation for mental injury for more than 6 months after the injury. Essentially, this expands the scope of mental injury which is compensable under workers comp. We should get this sort of question out of the legislature's claws by privatizing workers comp.

R-: It is estimated that this will cost about \$350,000 per year. This bill expands the benefits available for mental injuries incident to physical injuries compensable under Workers Compensation. Workers Compensation is basically a State-run insurance program. Therefore, since this bill does not address the income side of the "policy" it appears to be actuarially unsound feel-good or Pollyanna legislation which is not Liberty enhancing due to its potential for causing financial issues at some unknown point in the future when the legislative culprits are not available for retribution.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

### **Categories**

General Government, Health Care Freedom, and Limited Government

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