

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2836
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	7073
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB 2836, as introduced, authorizes the Workers' Compensation Commission to grant a year-long extension for compensated vocational rehabilitation services upon case-by-case hearings. If an administrative law judge finds that an additional year of vocational rehabilitation is necessary to restore the employee to substantial gainful employment, benefits would continue under the same provisions as the initial year. A vocational expert will submit updates to all parties outlining the employee's participation in the authorized services at least every 13 weeks. Benefits may be terminated by an order from the Commission if the employee is noncompliant.

The measure also changes the formula for determining attorney fees paid by the employer on behalf of injured employee by making the fee based the actual cost of all administered vocational rehab services, rather than the estimated value of the services.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.