

ADVISORY GROUP ON Efficiency and Benchmarking **PROPOSAL #:** AGEB # 24
SUBJECT: Office of Workers Compensation/Mediation **DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP:** October 19, 2009
COMMISSION ACTION: ADOPTED **DATE:** November 10, 2009 **RECOMMENDATION #:** 56

RECOMMENDATION: Make pretrial mediation of disputed claims filed with the Office of Workers' Compensation voluntary, which will eliminate the need for six attorney mediators at that office an average annual savings of \$75,000 for each mediator.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Make pretrial mediation of disputed claims filed with the Office of Workers Compensation voluntary, which will eliminate the need for six attorney mediators at the Office of Workers' Compensation at an average annual savings of \$75,000 for each mediator.	Legislature	To save money by removing the mandate for pre-trial mediation of workers compensation claims which eliminates the need for six attorney-mediators within the OWC. Statistics show the rate of success of the OWC mediators is low.	Legislation		