



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Workers' Compensation

**PURPOSE:** Hearing on the Current State of Workers' Compensation and Opportunities for improvements and modernization

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Hearing Room A**

**Legislative Office Building**

**Albany, New York 12248**

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

Workers' compensation is insurance that provides cash benefits and/or medical care for workers who are injured or become ill as a direct result of their job. This is an essential benefit offered to employees, paid for by employers, and managed by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. The Senate Standing Committee on Labor is seeking updates and input from the Workers' Compensation Board, experts in workers' compensation, workers' compensation lawyers, labor partners, providers, and injured workers regarding the current state of workers' compensation and to bring to light areas for improvement. This discussion will help develop recommendations to build a stronger workers' compensation system for all New Yorkers.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Labor Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Labor Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Senator Jessica Ramos  
Chair, Committee on Labor**

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Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on workers compensation are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible: by Friday, May 15 for those seeking to testify in person, and by Monday, May 18 for those seeking to submit written testimony. Please return this form by mail, email, or fax to both:

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**Oral Testimony by Invitation Only**

- I plan to attend the public hearing on workers' compensation to be conducted by the Committee on Labor on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 10 AM.
- I plan to make a public statement at the above hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:  

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