Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Senate Amendments ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1064

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

Senator Klein

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-57 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to office of administrative hearings case processing, tracking, and
- 3 reporting; and to provide for a report.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-57 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 Case processing tracking and reporting.

- 8 <u>1.</u> <u>The office of administrative hearings shall track the time elapsed between the date the</u>
- 9 <u>office receives a file from workforce safety and insurance and the date of the</u>
- 10 <u>administrative law judge's decision, and monthly calculate a rolling six-month average</u>
- 11 <u>of time elapsed.</u>
- 12 <u>2.</u> <u>The office of administrative hearings shall adopt case processing standards and</u>
- 13 policies, including provisions intended to meet a goal of an average of two hundred
- 14 fifteen days or less per case. Administrative law judges have an average of two
- 15 <u>hundred fifteen days to issue a decision for any injured worker case from the date the</u>
- 16 office of administrative hearings receives a file from workforce safety and insurance.
- 17 The date of the last assigned file is the date of assignment for all consolidated files.
- 18 <u>3.</u> <u>The office of administrative hearings and workforce safety and insurance shall report</u>
- 19 <u>statistical information regarding results under the case processing standards and</u>
- 20 policies to the legislative management and the state advisory council each quarter.
- 21 The reports must include the information required under subsection 1.