

Notes from 8/11/21 Upstream Liability Work Group

Attending:

Mark Reihl
Andy Buck
Nathan Jurowski
Matt Marcellis
Jerry Shea
Representative Sinicki
Kylie

Observers:

Terry Hayden
Bob Barker

The meeting began welcoming a new member, Matt Marcellis. Representative Sinicki and Kylie Coffin presented research conducted regarding efforts in other states to address general and other upstream contractor liability for lower tier subcontractor failure to comply with legal requirements including worker classification, workers and unemployment insurance, and wage and hour violations.

The group discussed the issue, recognizing how difficult it is to have this discussion without the measures that were previously recommended but not enacted, such as contractor registration and increased penalties for noncompliance.

The consensus of the group is that there needed to be a broader representation of various levels of contractor stakeholders. The group decided that members will recruit and encourage other stakeholders to attend the next meeting where the issue and possible solutions will be discussed. Bob Barker, who was on the call, agreed to be part of that stakeholder group and attend the next meeting.

Members who have ideas of who to reach out to will work with Mark Reihl to make those contacts.