

## Summary of Assessment of Public Comment

The Chair and Board received approximately 400 formal written comments from Survey Monkey, emailed comments, and regular mail. Additionally, the Board received approximately 1,993 form letters from individuals using a website form, approximately 398 form letters from individuals, a petition with approximately 7,875 signatures, and approximately 17,000 postcards.

After the public comment period closed, the Board received an additional 1,100 postcards from associations objecting to the proposed changes, as well as approximately 37 additional form letters, a hard copy of a form letter with approximately 780 signatures from a labor organization, and approximately five comments from individuals.

Most of the comments received by the Board objected to the proposed changes, citing the legislative mandate to take into account advancements in modern medicine only and that the proposals were broader than necessary.

Most detailed comments, from claimant representatives and associations as well as business owners, carriers, health care providers, and in some instances individual claimants, objected to the use of pain as a factor in SLU awards, because it's too subjective.

The Board received many comments from various individuals and associations, as well as legislators, objecting to the ability of injured workers to be questioned without counsel and the use of a questionnaire, as well as the requirement that claimants be cooperative.

Nearly all comments from claimant organizations, TPAs and law firms, as well as several comments from legislators, objected to the use of loss of earning power as a factor in determining SLU awards.

Many of the written comments from individuals objected to changing the impairment guidelines at all.