

# WCB'S RATE MODEL CHANGES

## Impacts to Rate Codes



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# Offices Rate Model Impacts

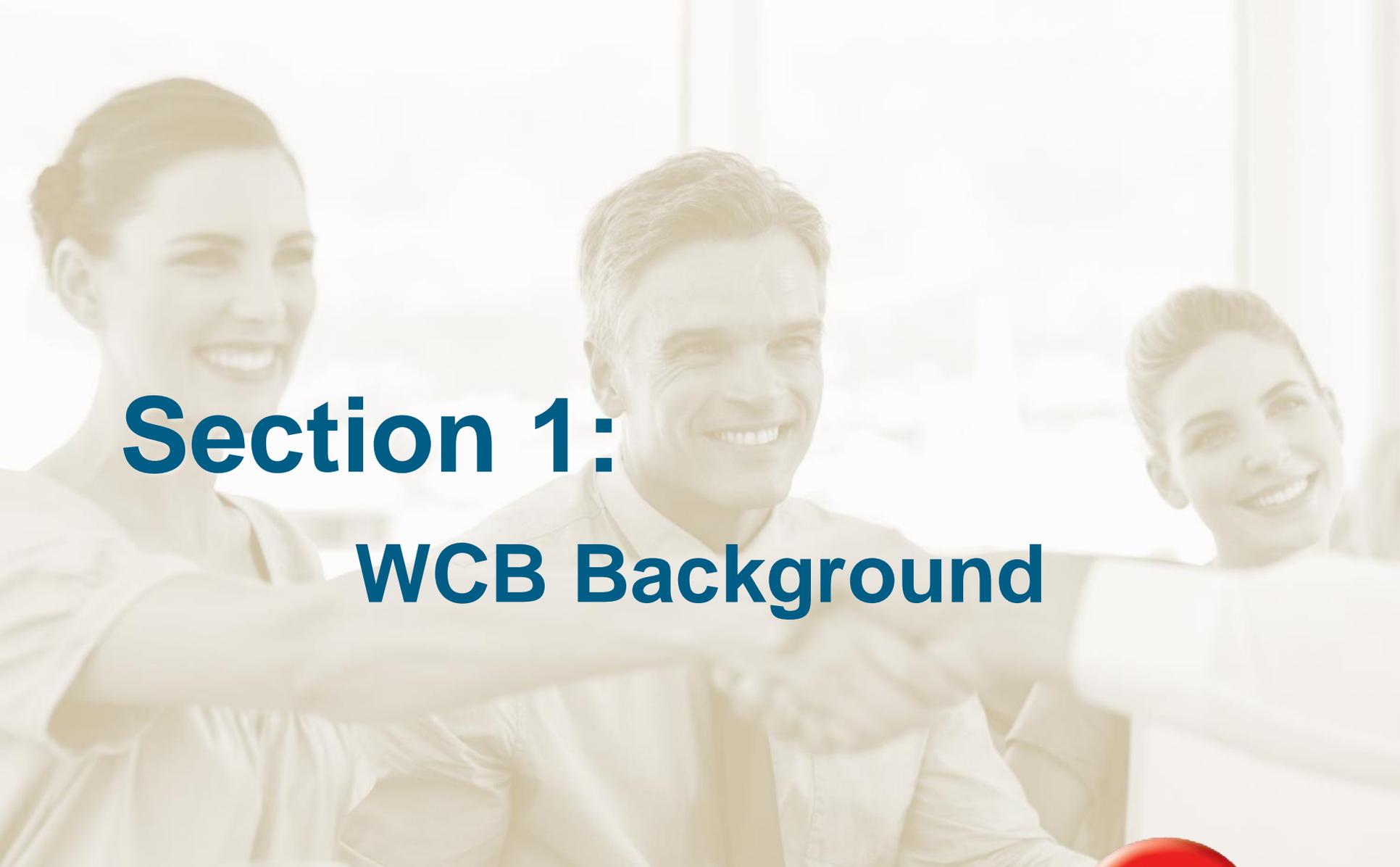
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# Agenda

1. WCB Background
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3. 2017 Industry Impacts – Current vs Enhanced model
4. Next Steps



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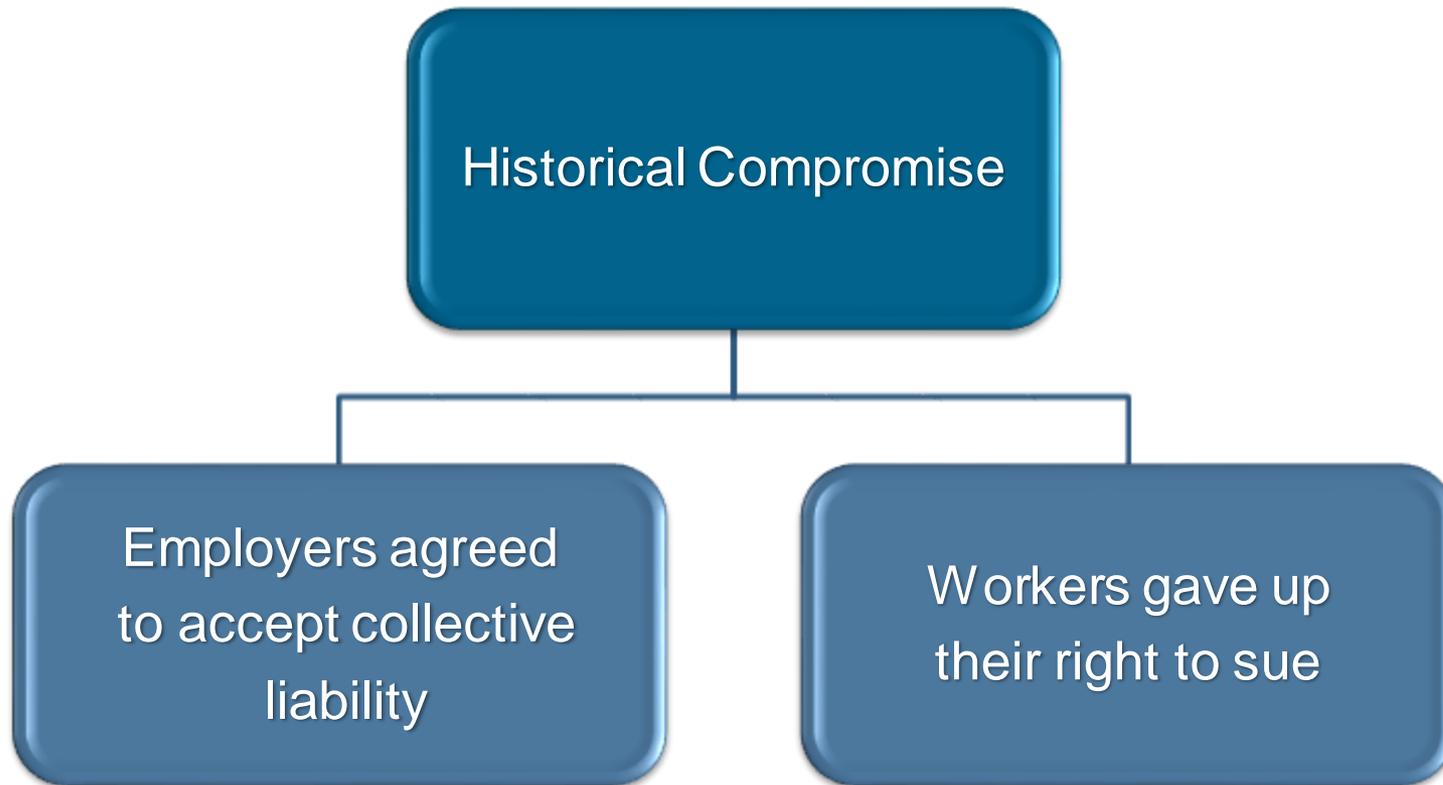
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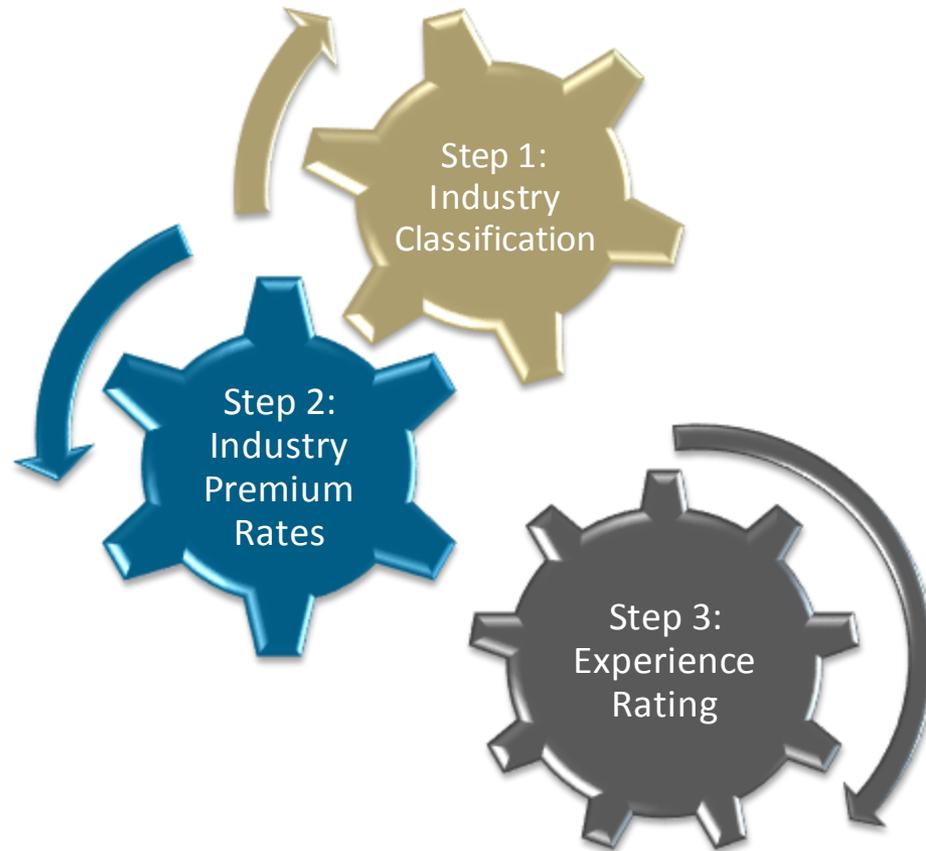
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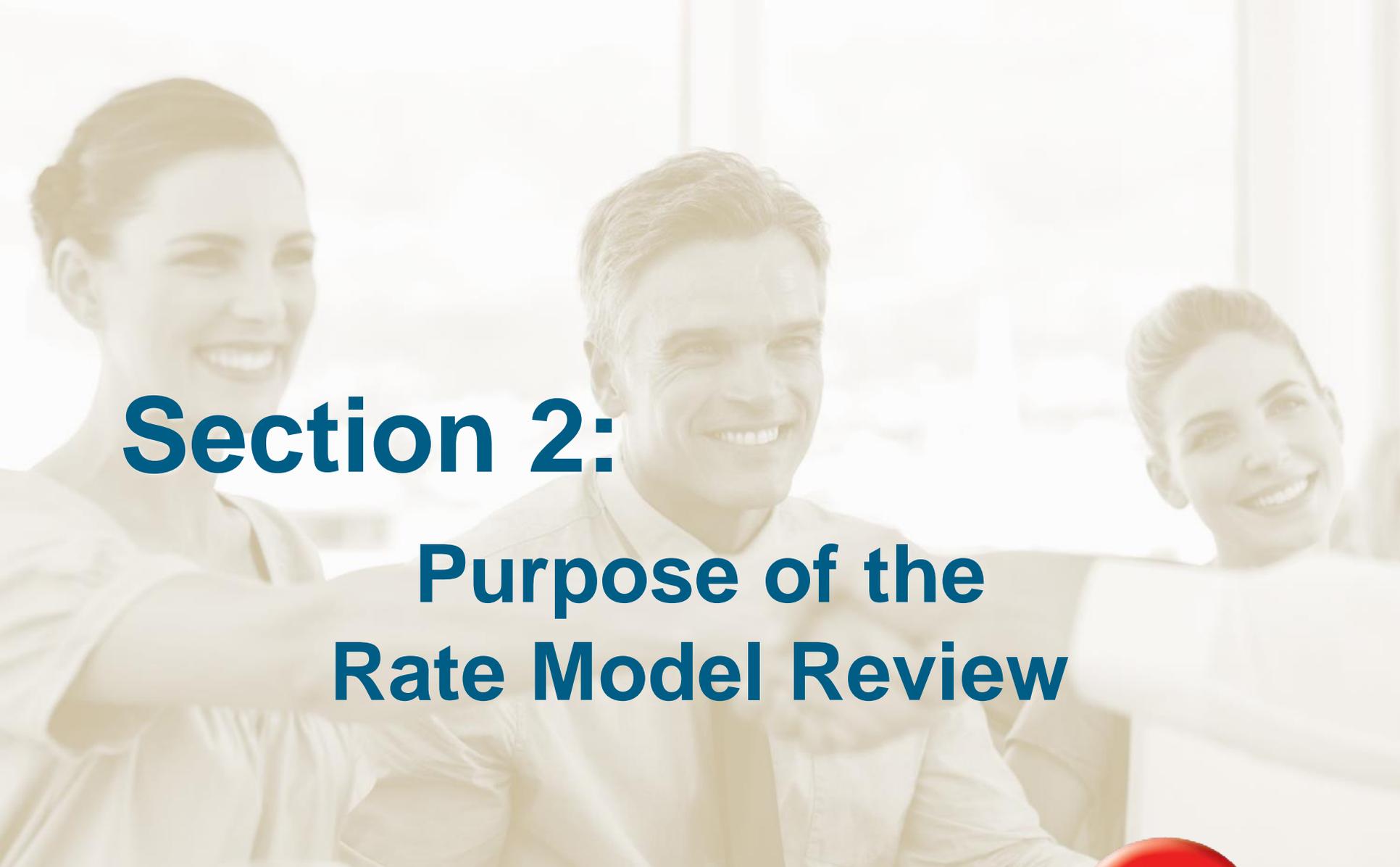
# Why do you pay WCB premiums?



Your premium assessments fund the compensation system

# The Rate Setting Process





# Section 2:

## Purpose of the Rate Model Review

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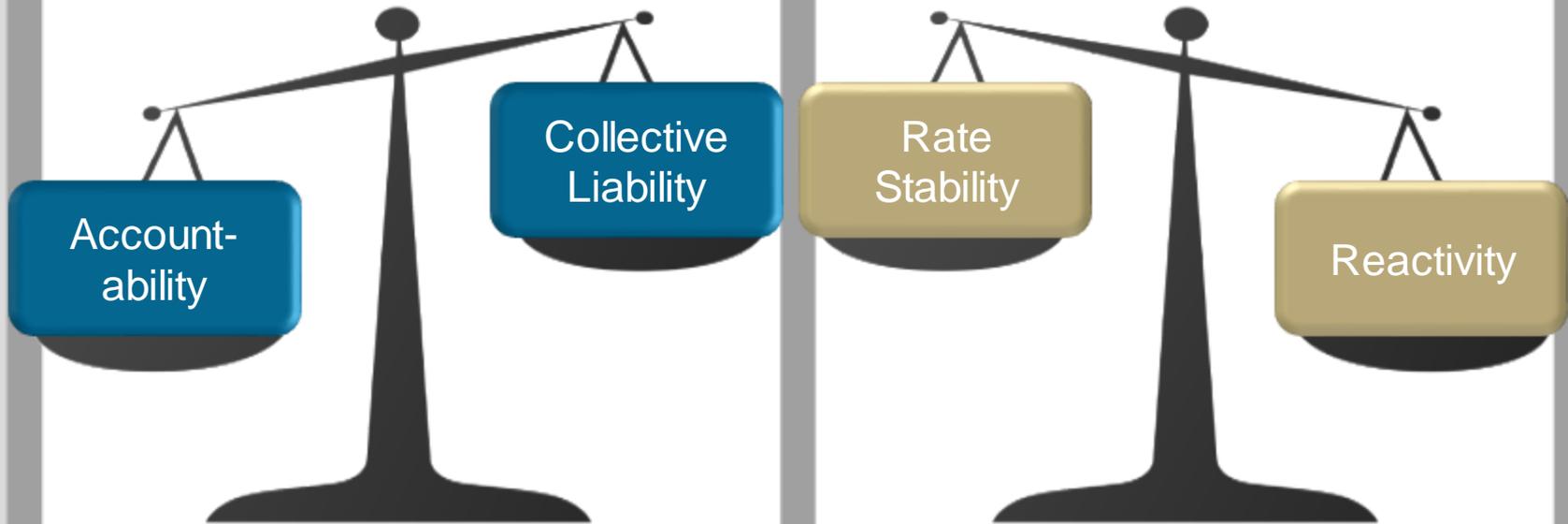
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# Why did we need a review of the Rate Model?

- Following the Asset Liability Study (conducted by Eckler Consultants and Actuaries), a recommendation was made to review the WCB's rate model.
- Employer feedback

# Rate Model Balancing Principles



# What was critical to the review process?

To maintain high levels of **fairness** and **transparency overall** in the rate setting process:

- Predictability of costs - Premiums collected in the future must be sufficient to cover expected costs and expenses
- Model must be fair and equitable for all employers
- Model must follow actuarial standards



# Rate Model Review

## Key Findings

- Process for establishing premium rates is sound and collects required premiums
- Refinement vs. overhaul

## Key Recommendations

- Credibility of industries
- Classification
- Use of indicators to predict costs
- Costly claim pooling
- Allocation of fatality costs
- Long term claims
- Allocation of administration costs





# Section 3: 2017 Industry Impacts Current vs Enhanced Model

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# 2017 Industry Impacts

- Industry impacts show the differences of the 2017 premium rates under the current model compared to the enhanced model
- The 2018 rates will be released Fall of 2017 and will include updated experience
- Industry impacts may not sum to overall impact due to rounding



# Credibility of Industries

## Recommendation:

- *Rate codes that are not fully credible should be complimented with a longer experience period*

**Credibility** – Extent that you can use an industry's past experience to predict its future experience

## Why the Change:

- Increases accountability by allowing more industries to stand on their own cost experience
- Improve predictability and stability for small industries

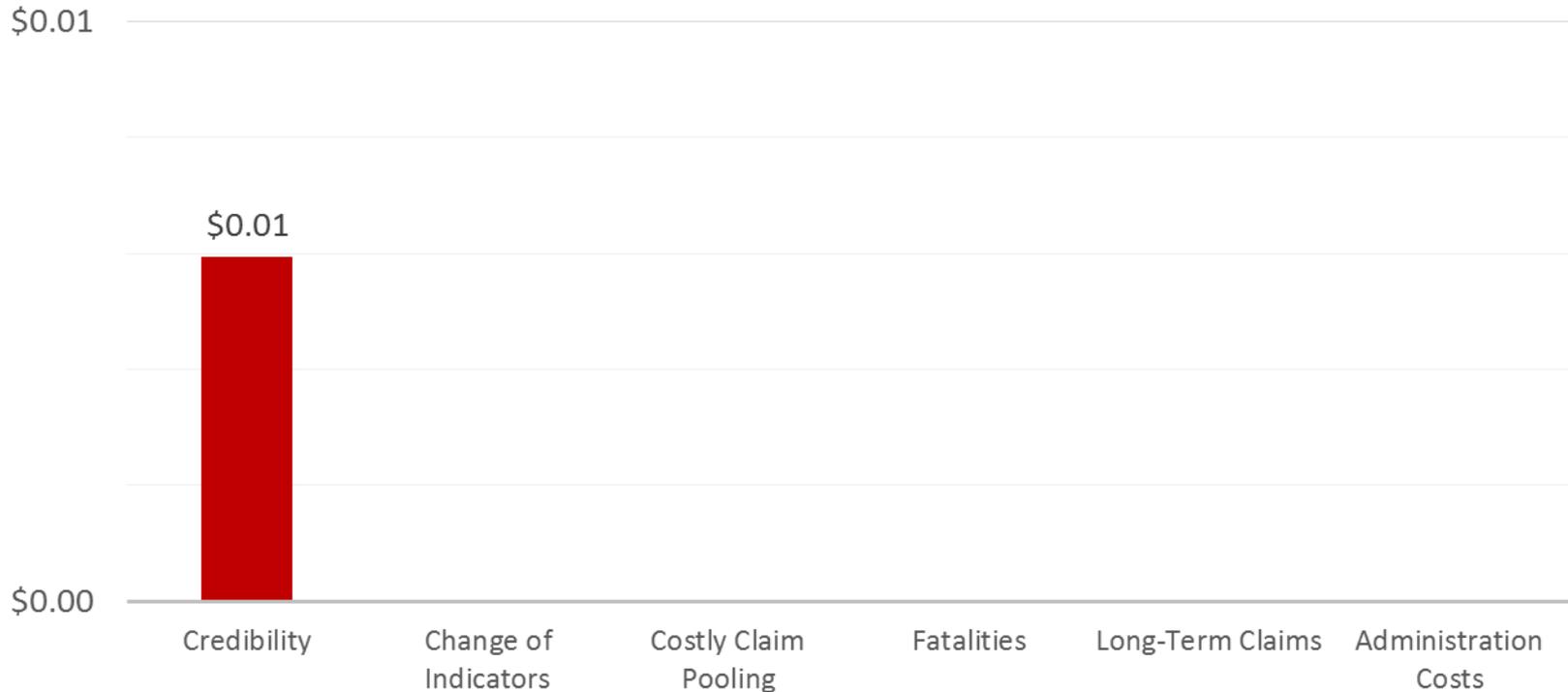
## WCB Decision:

- If 5 years of cost history does not provide enough experience to predict future costs, 10 years is used to supplement the 5 year experience



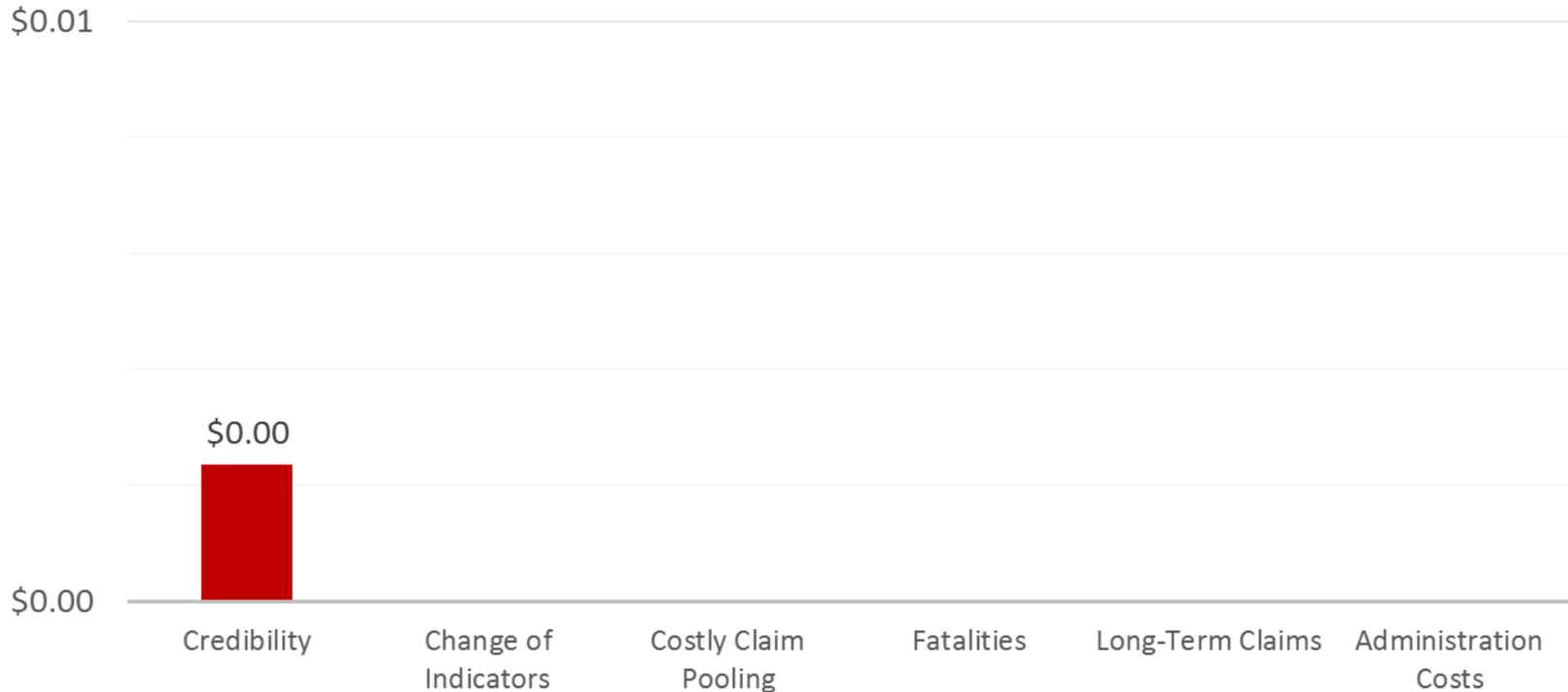
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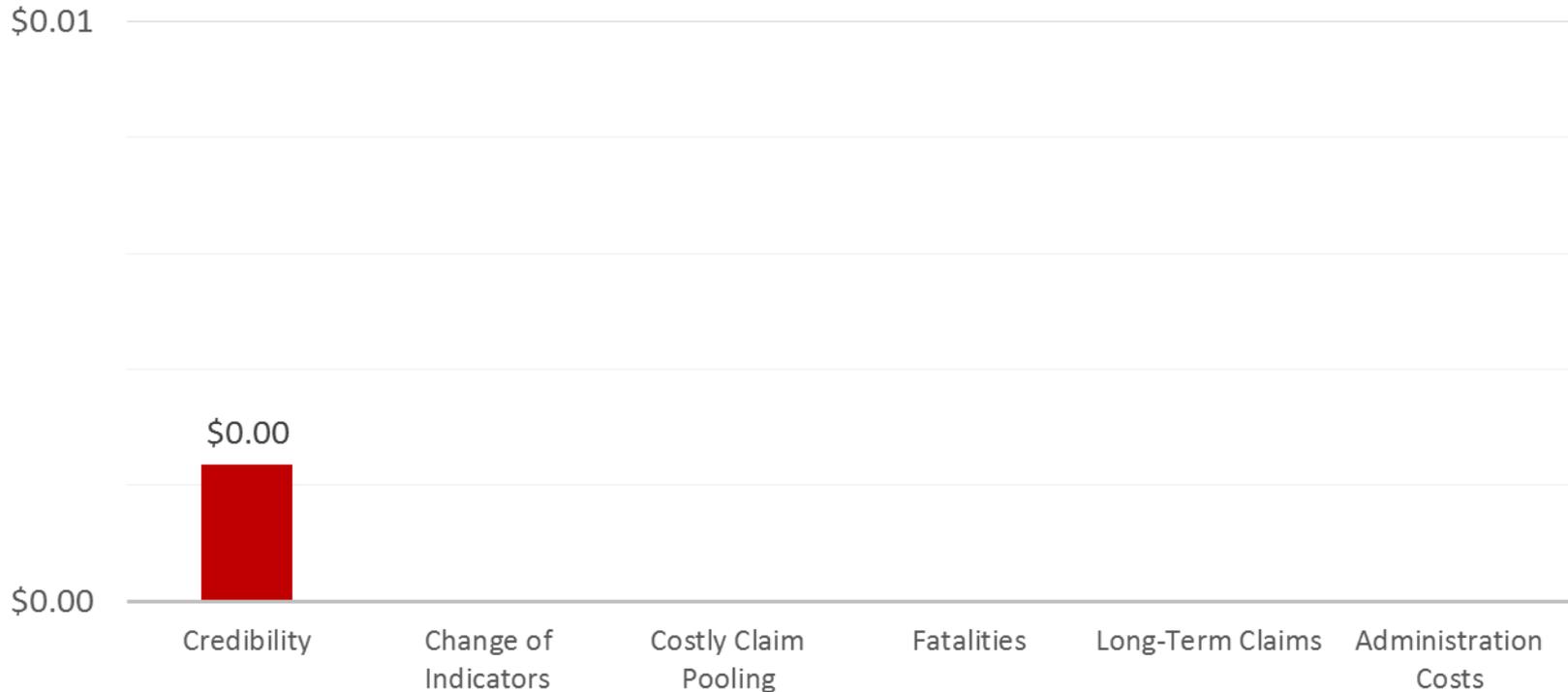
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# S41 - Credibility of Industries

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# Use of Indicators to Predict Costs

## Recommendation:

*The WCB should not use the number of time loss claims, instead use the evolution of workforce to adjust past costs in the projection of future costs.*

**Workforce** – estimate of the change in the number of insured workers for the rate year

## Why the Change:

- The number of time loss claims has been declining, but there has not been a proportional decline in costs

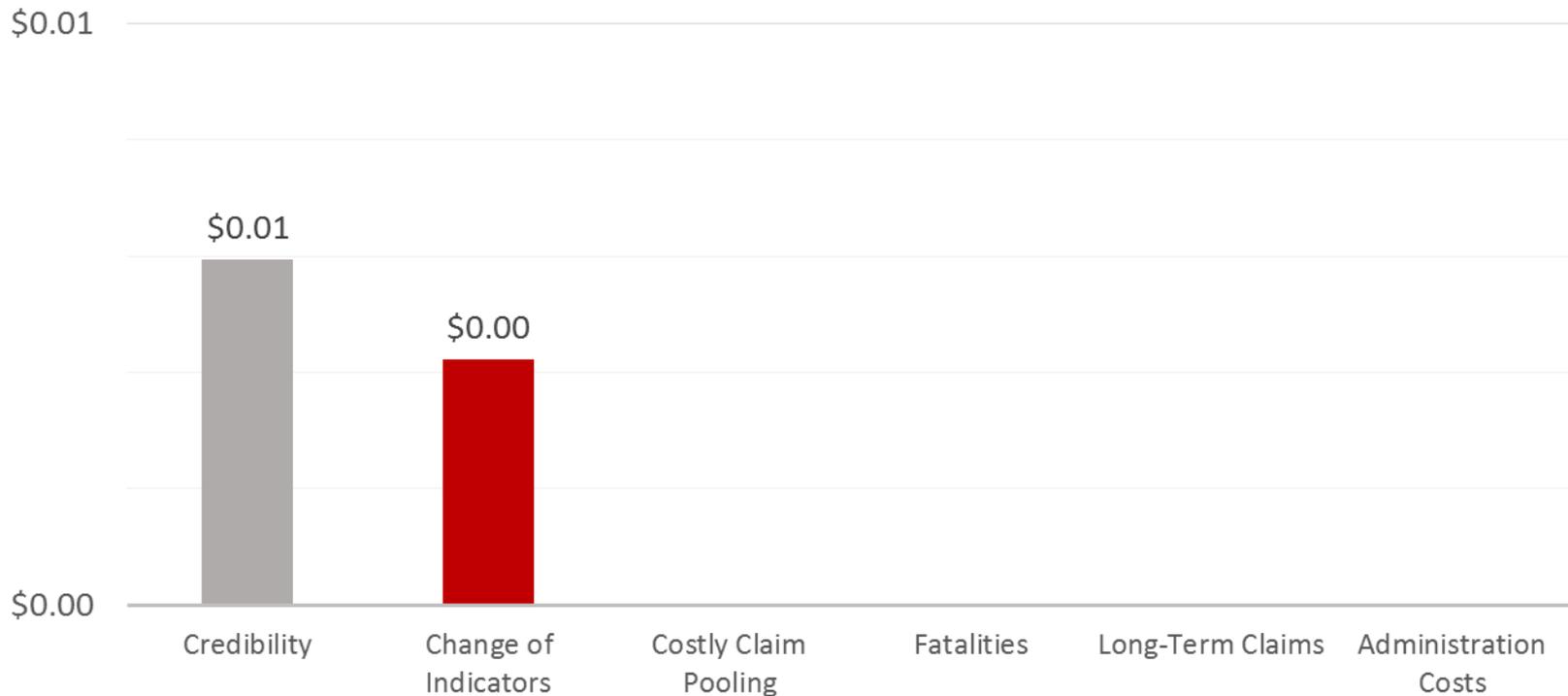
## WCB Decision:

- Use change of workforce instead of time loss claims to predict costs

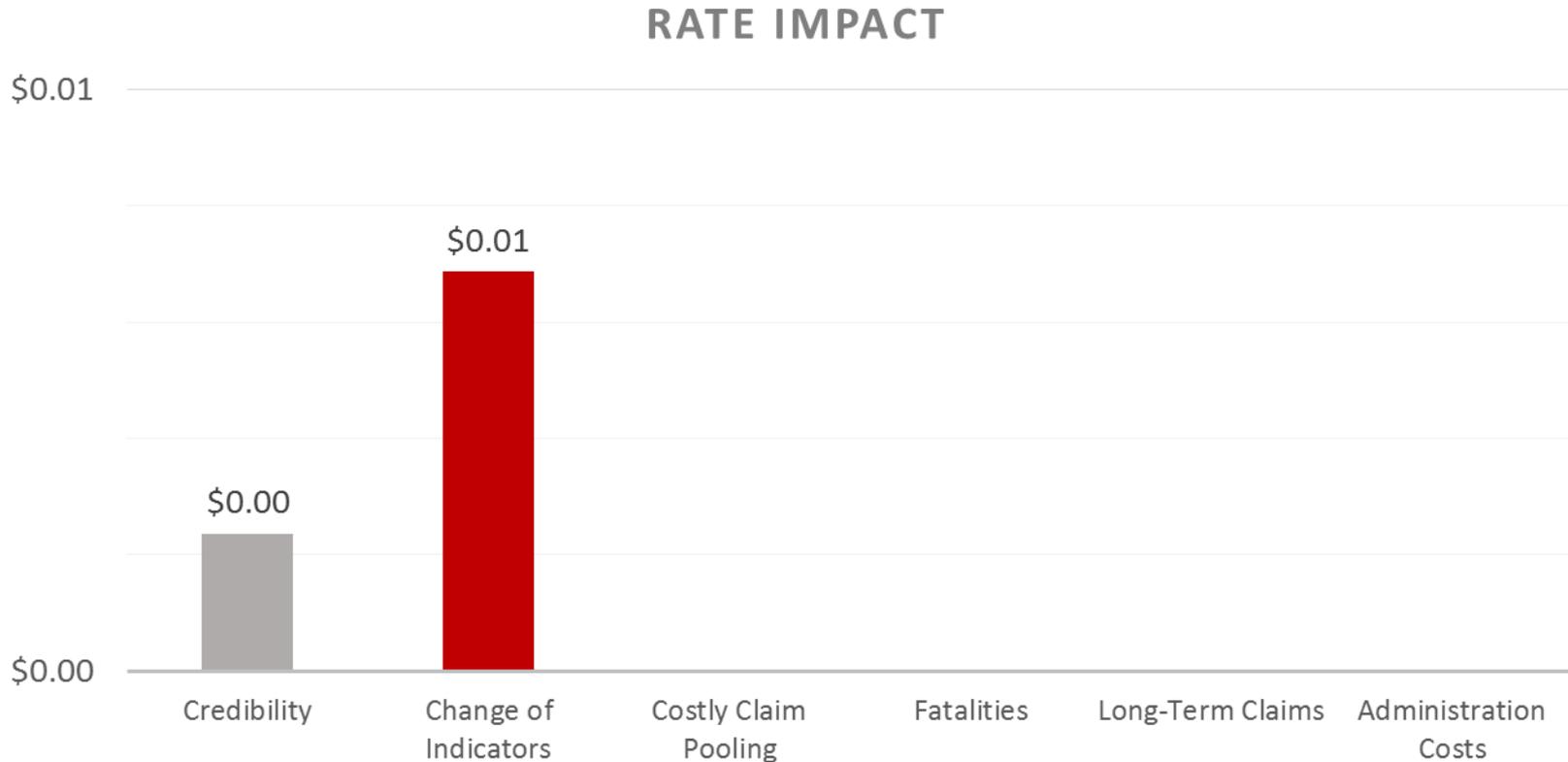


# S11 - Change of Indicators

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# Costly Claim Pooling

## Recommendation:

- *The pooling of large claims should be done at the board level*
- *Use an indexed limit as opposed to a fixed one*
- *Use total claim costs instead of just pension*
- *Pooled costs should be redistributed based on costs*

## Why the Change:

- Increases collective liability so rare costly claims do not unduly burden an industry

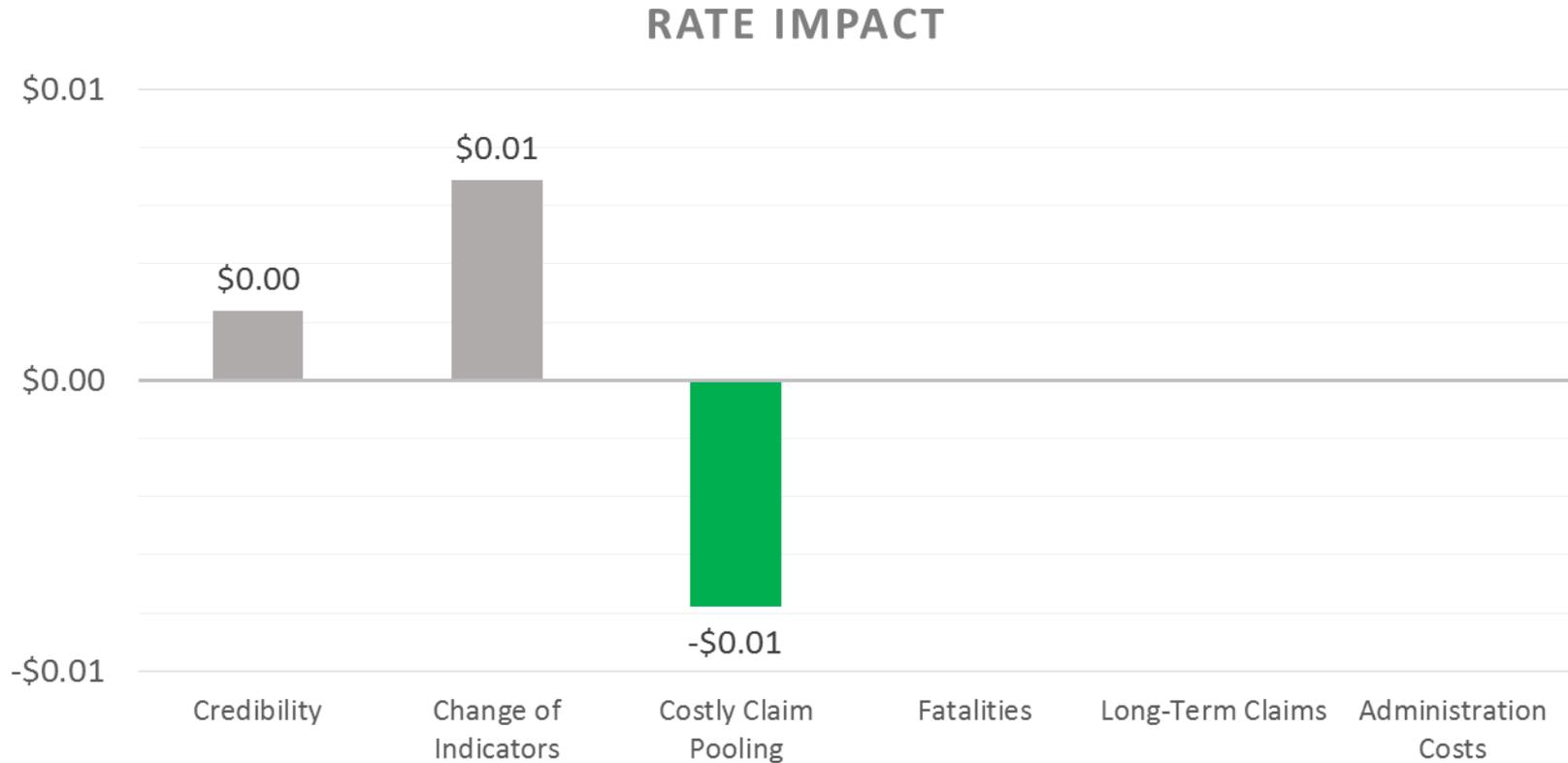
## WCB Decision:

- Apply all costs up to a maximum of 3 times the ultimate maximum insurable wage to the industry experience. Remaining costs are pooled at the Board Level.

# S11 - Costly Claim Pooling



# S12 - Costly Claim Pooling



# S41 - Costly Claim Pooling



# Allocation of Fatality Costs

## Recommendation:

*Fatalities should be charged to the industries based on actual or averaged costs*

## Why the Change:

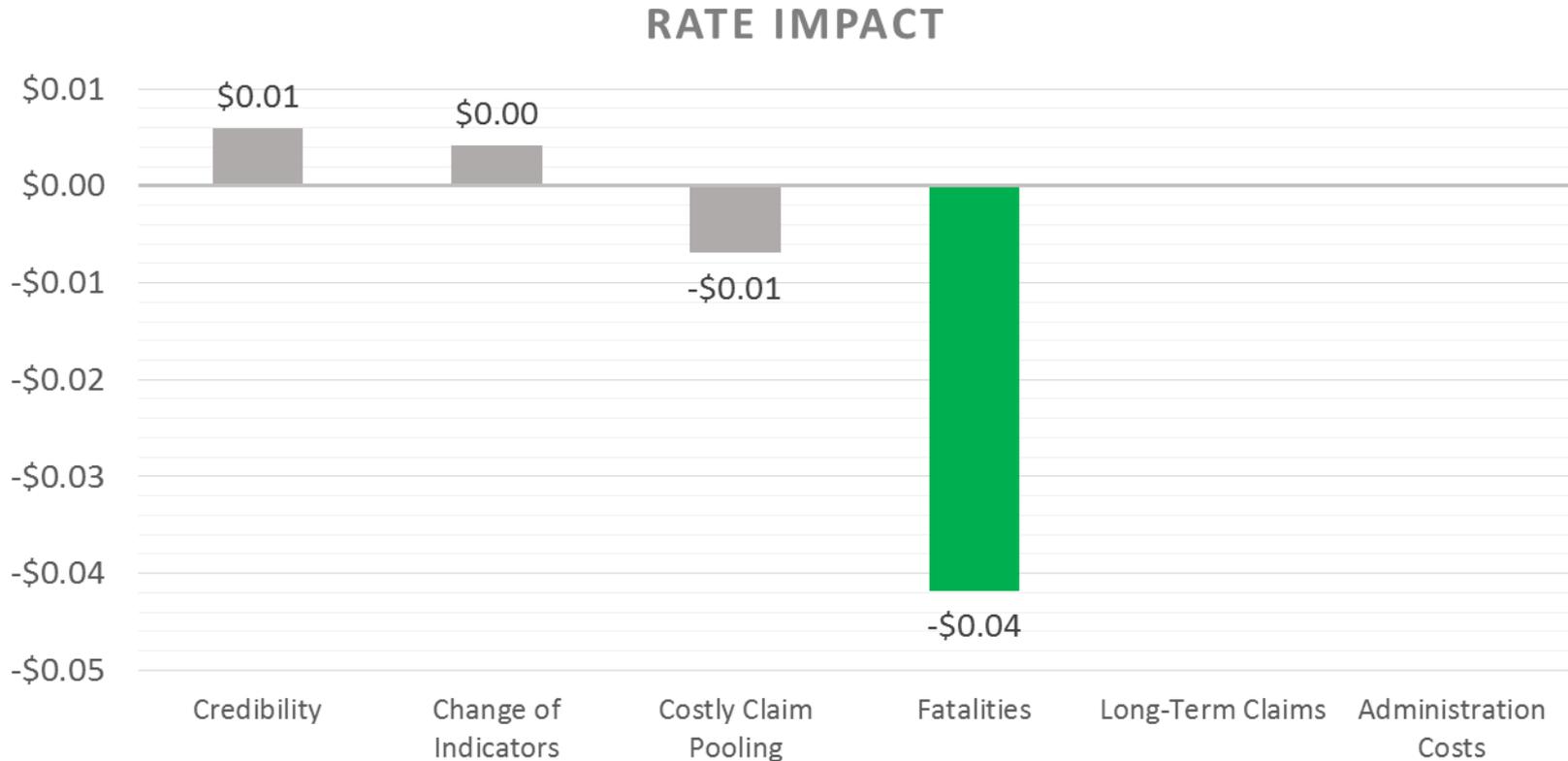
- Increases accountability to industries that have fatalities

## WCB Decision:

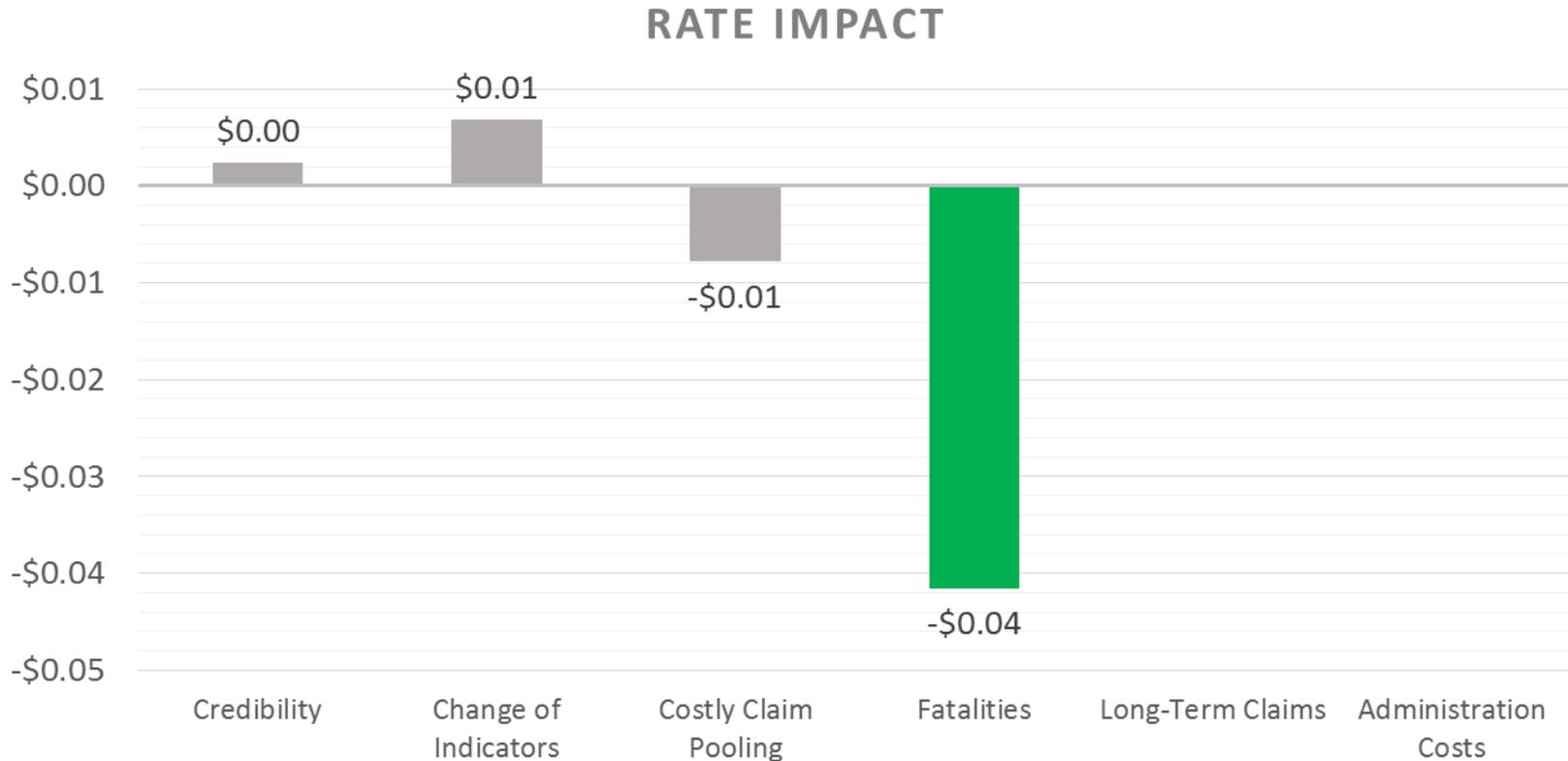
- Costs for a fatality claim will be charged to the industry in which they occur and treated the same as all other claims



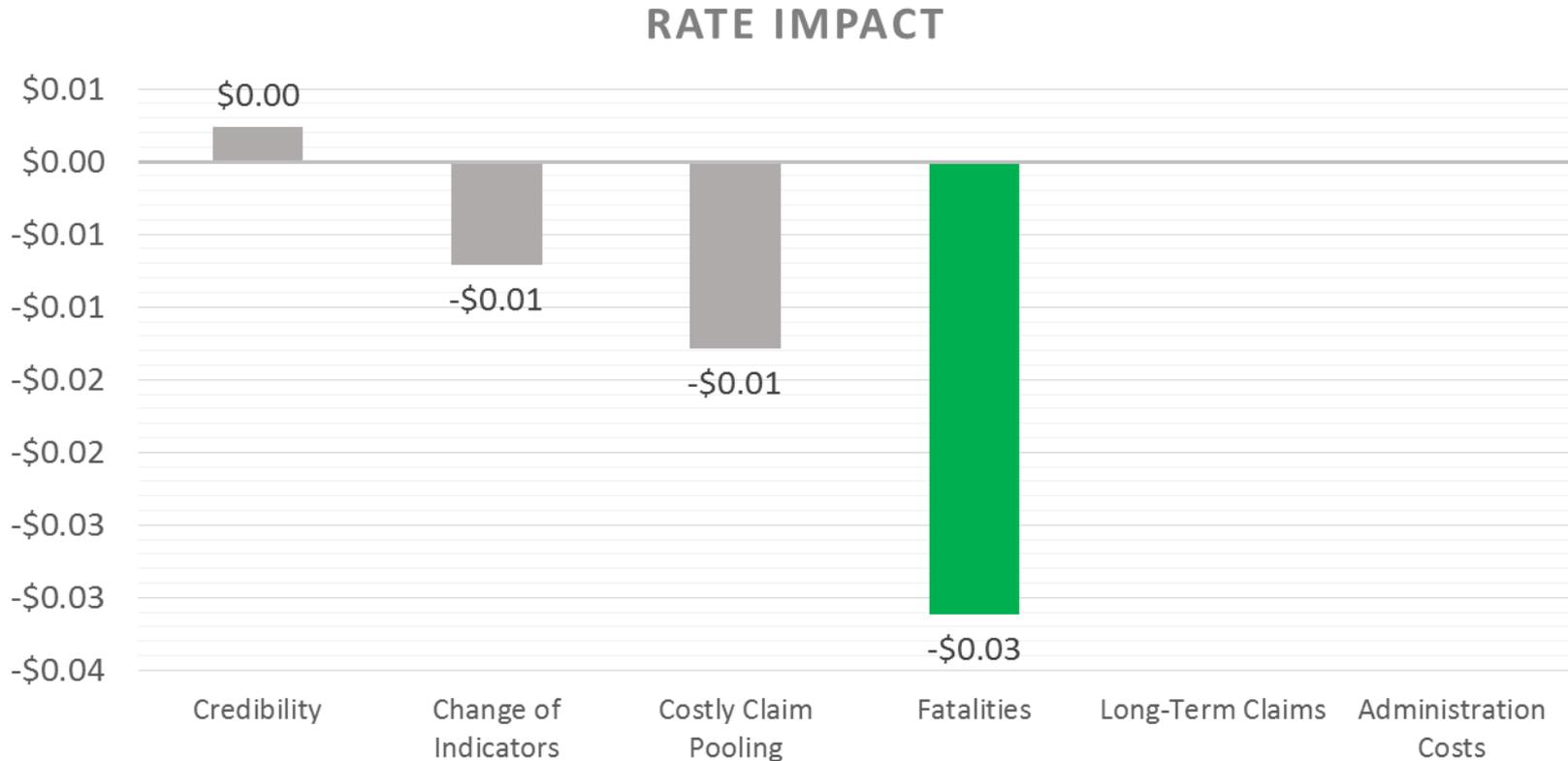
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# S41 - Allocation of Fatality Costs



# Long Term Claims

## Recommendation:

*Use more recent experience to predict future costs at the industry level. Costs beyond this period should be allocated based on claims costs*

## Why the Change:

- Increases reactivity by putting emphasis on recent cost experience
- Increases accountability to industries

## WCB Decision:

- Applies all costs for the first 7 years of a claim to the industry experience. Remaining costs are pooled at the Board Level

# S11 - Long Term Claims



# S12 - Long Term Claims



# S41 - Long Term Claims



# Allocation of Administration Costs

## Recommendation

*Align the allocation of fixed and variable costs to better reflect the actual admin cost structure*

## Why the Change:

- Increase fairness so all industries appropriately share the costs

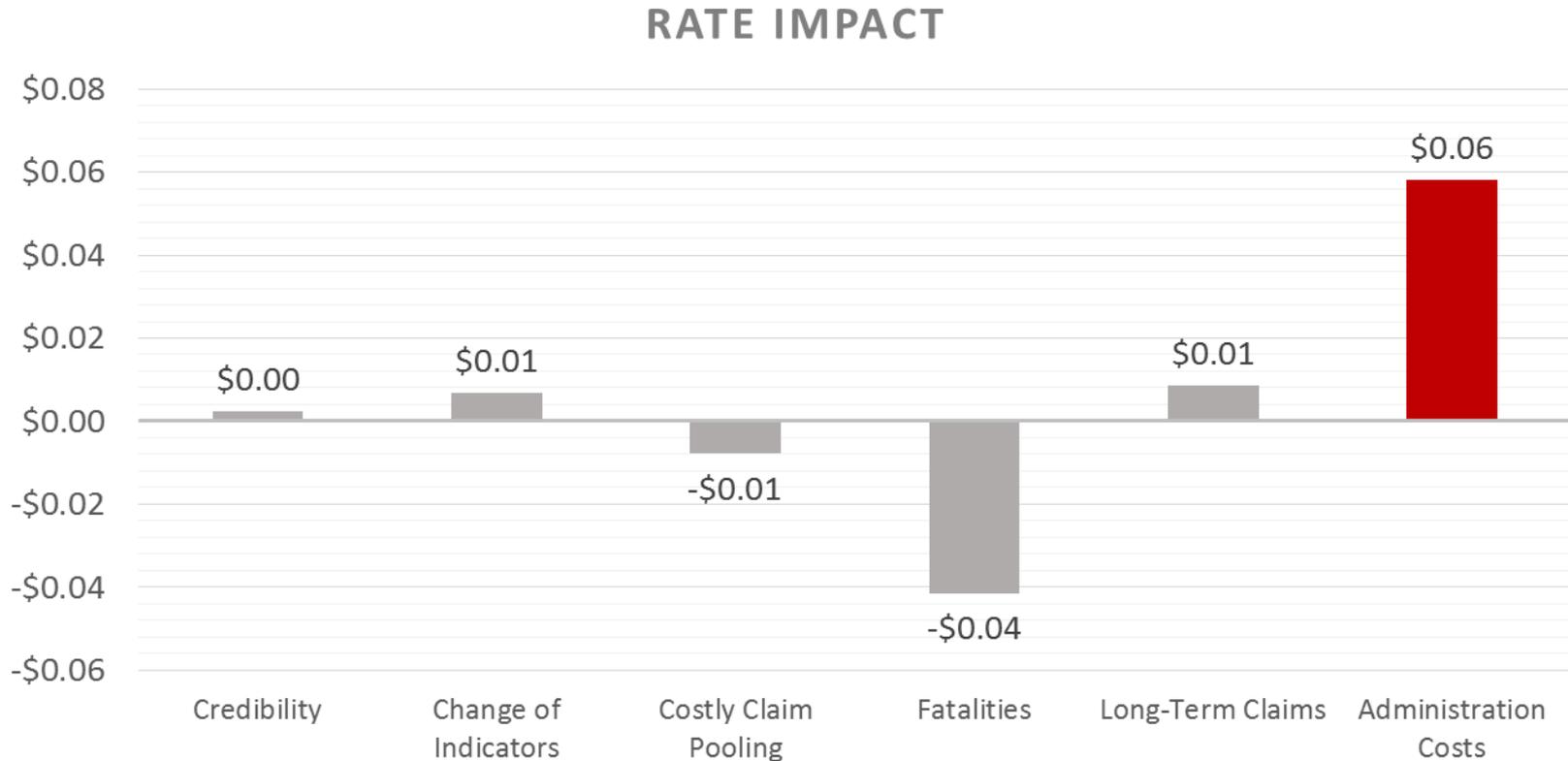
## WCB Decision:

- Increase the fixed component from 10% to 30%.

# S11 - Allocation of Administration Costs



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# Premium Composition

## S11 - Legal Offices, Financial, Drafting

<i>Factors</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017 Current</i>	<i>2017 Enhanced</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>\$ Change</i>
Claims Costs	\$0.061	\$ 0.058	\$ 0.057		
Fatalities	\$0.043	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.003		
Administration	\$0.051	\$ 0.054	\$ 0.114		
Safety Associations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Industry Base Rate</b>	<b>\$ 0.15</b>	<b>\$ 0.15</b>	<b>\$ 0.17</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>\$0.02</b>

Differences between this table and impact charts are due to rounding



# Premium Composition

## S12 - Offices, Professionals

<i>Factors</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017 Current</i>	<i>2017 Enhanced</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>\$ Change</i>
Claims Costs	\$0.129	\$ 0.119	\$ 0.124		
Fatalities	\$0.043	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.004		
Administration	\$0.076	\$ 0.074	\$ 0.133		
Safety Associations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Industry Base Rate</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>	<b>\$ 0.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.26</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>\$0.03</b>

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# Premium Composition

## S41 - Engineering, Testing and Surveying

<i>Factors</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017 Current</i>	<i>2017 Enhanced</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>\$ Change</i>
Claims Costs	\$0.188	\$ 0.183	\$ 0.187		
Fatalities	\$0.043	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.014		
Administration	\$0.105	\$ 0.109	\$ 0.152		
Safety Associations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Industry Base Rate</b>	<b>\$ 0.34</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>\$0.02</b>

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# Section 4: Next Steps

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# Next Steps

- Today's full presentation will be recorded and available on [www.wcbsask.com](http://www.wcbsask.com)
- More questions?
  - If you have additional questions, please email [askwcb@wcbsask.com](mailto:askwcb@wcbsask.com)
- Transition Feedback
  - Provide your feedback on how the WCB's enhanced rate model will be transitioned in 2018
  - [www.wcbsask.com/feedback](http://www.wcbsask.com/feedback)



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**Safety & Prevention:** *How to transform your workplace*

**WCB's Free Annual Learning Event**  
March 20 & 21 2017 – TCU Place Saskatoon

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