



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Chamber Requests Labor & Industries to Reconsider Increasing Worker's Compensation Premiums**

The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce will ask the Department of Labor and Industries to reconsider any increase in worker's compensation premiums at a regional hearing held in Richland.

The Department of Labor and Industries is currently touring the state requesting comments on their proposed 7.6% rate increase for workers compensations premiums. L&I is scheduled to increase rates on workers comp premiums at a time when economic recovery is hard.

A scheduled hearing will take place Friday, October 30, 2009 at the Hampton Inn in Richland at 2:00pm. Employers are encouraged to turn out and share their concerns with the Department about these tax increases on businesses.

The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce is the leading advocate for business in Southeastern Washington and has over 1300 member companies.

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