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Need for Workers’ Compensation Reform

According to the 2014 Oregon Workers’ Compensation Premium Rate Ranking Summary, Illinois employers pay, on average, the seventh highest workers’ compensation premium rates in the nation. Incremental changes to the Illinois Workers’ Compensation system have increased the burden on taxpayers to a level that is both unfair and unsustainable. Excessive costs require municipalities to make difficult decisions to balance their budgets. Without comprehensive reform, municipalities will be forced to consider cutting basic, essential services or even increasing taxes to make up for these costs.

Municipalities throughout DuPage urge the General Assembly to enact meaningful reform to the Workers’ Compensation Act to create a sustainable system for both municipalities and taxpayers. The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is seeking seven specific reforms at this time. Additional information regarding these proposed reforms can be found on the [DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference website](#).