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Description An income and franchise tax credit for workplace wellness programs and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority									

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would create an income and franchise tax credit for amounts spent by employers to provide workplace wellness programs to employees. The credit would be available for three years for an amount equal to the amount paid in the taxable year for the program and would begin with the first year that the claimant provided a workplace wellness program.

A workplace wellness program is a health and fitness program that could include smoking cessation, weight management, stress management, health risk assessments, health screenings, nutrition education, and health and fitness incentive programs. The Department is authorized to further define a workplace wellness program by rule.

The bill states that the maximum amount of credits that may be claimed is \$2 million per taxable year.

The estimated fiscal effect of the bill is at least \$2 million, the annual cap stated in the bill. However, because the bill does not contain criteria for determining how the annual cap is to be allocated, it is unclear how the department would deny claims. As such, the fiscal effect could be significantly higher.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications