

Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Updated	LRB Number LRB-1293/1	Amendment Number if Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental	Bill Number 2001 AB-29	Administrative Rule Number

Subject
 Establishing a presumption of employment-related disease for state and county firefighters

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect
 Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb within agency's budget. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	

Local: No Local Government Costs

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected: <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill extends to state and county firefighters a presumption of employment related heart or lung disease or cancer, for the purposes of claiming duty disability and death benefits, that under current law is provided to municipal firefighters. According to the fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Employee Trust Funds, there are 484 state firefighters that would be affected by the bill. The number of county firefighters that might be affected by the Bill is assumed to be minimal, but the number of such persons is not known.

Based upon the experiences of providing the presumptions to municipal firefighters that are extended by this bill to state and county firefighters, it is estimated that the average contribution rate of payroll costs for protective workers paid by employers would increase from the current 3.66 percent to 3.70 percent (an increase of .04 percent). In addition, individual employers with employees newly covered by the presumption would incur increases of .8 percent of covered payroll for employers with few claims (current 1.9 percent to 2.70 percent) and 1.0 percent of covered payroll for employers with many claims (current 6.65 to 7.6 percent). Based upon these figures, the department of employee trust funds estimates the increased cost to the state at \$181,000 per year, which would increase annually with payroll increases.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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