

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 13-2091/2 | Introduction Number | AB-0519 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Resolution of claims against the state for wrongful imprisonment of innocent persons, exempting from taxation certain amounts an individual receives from the claims board or legislature, health benefits for wrongfully imprisoned persons, and making appropriations | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill permits individuals who receive compensation from the state for wrongful imprisonment to elect, for up to ten years, health care coverage under plans offered by the Group Insurance Board to state employees beginning on January 1, 2015. Under the bill, these individuals would be required to pay the same health insurance premium amounts that state employees are required to pay, with the balance of the premiums cost paid by the state.

Since 1960, 48 individuals have applied to the State Claims Board for compensation for being wrongly imprisoned. Of these 48 individuals, 14 received compensation for being wrongly imprisoned. The bill makes a number of changes to this process, which may make more individuals eligible for the compensation. The total cost of this bill is indeterminate and is dependent upon the number of individuals who become eligible for state health insurance, for which we do not have a specific estimate. The annual cost per individual is \$7,740 and the ten year cost maximum cost per individual is estimated to be \$77,404 ($\$87,960 \times 0.88$ (percentage of state share) assuming an average 2013 premium of \$733/month).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications