

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-4184/1	Introduction Number AB-0724	
Description Various changes to the worker's compensation law, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.427(1)(ra)		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill was reviewed for provisions that affect the Labor & Industry Review Commission (LIRC).

Administrative review of a worker's compensation decision

Provisions in the bill clarify the "reason beyond control" standard for late appeals and establish the date from which the time period to set aside a commission decision runs (the date of the commission decision and the date it is mailed to the party's last-known address are the same date), with no fiscal impact.

Judicial review of a worker's compensation decision

No fiscal impact is anticipated with these changes. The format for commission decisions will need to be adjusted for the additional information about parties who need to be named as defendants when a case is appealed to circuit court. Also, appeal rights forms and website information will need to be updated for the new requirements. These updates can be accomplished by current LIRC legal and IT staff within current duties and without additional expense, but will take time to accomplish.

Other provisions affecting LIRC

Other changes in the bill affecting substantive rights of the parties may affect the number of appeals to the commission. Appeals to LIRC would likely increase or decrease corresponding to the change in the number of ALJ decisions (currently, approximately 35-40% of appealable WC decisions of administrative law judges are appealed to LIRC). At this time these costs are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications