

S.B. 135 - Workers' Compensation Coverage for Fire Fighters Sponsor: Mayne

Performance Note Report

Funding For:

New Agency
 New Services or benefit
 Serving a new or larger population

Public Benefit

purpose : This bill creates a rebuttable presumption that certain cancers contracted by firefighters under certain circumstances are presumed to have been contracted arising out of and in the course of the firefighter's employment. This will not require a funding

Services : The Commission is not requesting a funding increase and would not provide additional services related to this bill.

Expected Outcome : The expected outcome is that qualified firefighters will receive workers' compensation benefits if they meet the requirements of the presumption. To be clear, firefighters who develop these or any other cancers can currently receive benefits so long as they successfully show a causal connection between the exposure they experienced as firefighters and the cancer. This is often difficult to demonstrate. This presumption may make that process easier for firefighters but does not extend a benefit that is currently unavailable.

Implementations and Resources : This bill will be implemented by counties and cities that employ firefighters. There may be an initial increase in intake and inquiries for the Commission and a slight increase in the number of administrative hearings related to firefighters and cancers, but this can be absorbed in the current workload.

How : This bill may result in an increased number of firefighters receiving workers' compensation benefits but should not result in an increase in workload or a need for funding for the Commission.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title : None

Description : None

Collection Method : None

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target or BenchMark			
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