

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB147-DOLWD-WC-01-04-24
 Title: REEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
 Sponsor: KAUFMAN
 Requester: (S) L&C

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
 Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
 Allocation: Workers' Compensation
 OMB Component Number: 344

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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Agency:	DOLWD Administrative Services Division		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation addresses the issues of retraining and reporting reemployment evaluations under Workers' Compensation. It changes the eligibility evaluation date from 90 days to 120 days. Moving the date for required evaluation allows the time required for injured employees to become medically stable before spending money on an evaluation that may be premature, and based on the employee's condition. Changing the evaluation period will save employer benefit funding, as evaluations are less likely to be performed untimely due to the short date in the Workers Compensation Act.

Concurrently, the Reemployment Benefits Administrator can order an evaluation if evidence warrants. Reports from evaluations are required by the 60-day mark, a more appropriate request as the average report takes forty-five days.

Retraining plan costs have been adjusted to a level that is aligned with current costs. An adjustment in the plan benefit was last implemented in 2000.

The Division does not anticipate any expected costs as a result of this legislation.