

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 141  
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Identifier: HB141-DOLWD-WC-1-21-14  
Title: WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEES  
Sponsor: LABOR & COMMERCE  
Requester: Labor and Commerce

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)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0

**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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: <u>Office of the Commissioner</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

This legislation sets the fee for medical treatments provided outside of Alaska to limits in the Workers' Compensation statutes of the state where the services are rendered.

It also requires a provider of medical treatment or services under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to submit bills for treatment or services to employers within 180 days after the date the treatment or services are rendered, and limits the time for appealing an employer's denial or reduction of a bill to 60 days.

The effective date is immediate and there is a retroactivity clause, but there is transitional language. This language establishes that medical providers may submit bills for service within 180 days of the effective date of the legislation, irrespective of the date of service; or an appeal for denied payment within 60 days of the effective date of the legislation, irrespective of the date of the disputed payment.

There is no fiscal impact to the department anticipated as a result of this legislation.