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Title: OMNIBUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: House Judiciary

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)

	FY2018 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2018 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Personal Services			(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1157 Wrkrs Safe (DGF)			(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)
Total	0.0	0.0	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(59.3)

Positions

Full-time			(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/18

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated to reflect the need for regulation changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation makes a number of changes to the Workers' Compensation Act. One of these changes mandates electronic filing of documents. Once all employers have converted to electronic filing, which is anticipated to occur by FY2019, the department will be able to eliminate one position that currently supports paper filings.

Additionally, this legislation would increase the percent of fees deposited into the Workers' Compensation Administration Account (WSCAA) fund. Under current statute, AS 21.09.210, the Division of Insurance collects a 2.7% tax from insurers on their annual Workers' Compensation premiums. Of this, 1.82% is deposited into the WSCAA fund and the remaining .88% is deposited into the general fund.

This legislation would increase the tax deposited into WSCAA to 2.50% and decrease the tax deposited into the UGF to .20%. Based on FY2016 collected tax revenue, the .68% tax distribution change from GF to WSCAA equates to \$1,890.9 annually.