

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: DOA-DRM-01-10-18
 Title: WORKERS' COMP; REHAB/REEMPLOYMENT
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Administration
 Appropriation: Risk Management
 Allocation: Risk Management
 OMB Component Number: 71

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	
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 (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Risk Management (RM) would not be financially impacted by this legislation

This bill reforms the reemployment process by ensuring the injured worker takes advantage of the reemployment training. If the injured worker chooses not to be retrained, this bill allows for the injured worker to take the option of the job dislocation benefit offered under AS 23.30.041. One of the significant changes to the reemployment process is the employee can no longer settle their reemployment benefits. The intent of the reemployment process was to put injured workers back to work in a position that meets their physical capacities after a workplace injury. The intent was not to give an employee a lump sum payment.

RM does not anticipate any financial changes from this bill, as any savings we might see in lump sum settlements will be offset in anticipation of more injured employees taking the job dislocation benefit.