

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A BROCHURE TO DESCRIBE THE PROCESS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/13/10 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee 02/03/10)

The House Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report made the following changes:

- ▶ Required the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to develop the brochure that is distributed to claimants;
- ▶ Stipulated that the brochure can be distributed electronically;
- ▶ Made technical changes to language regarding the claimant's rights including who the claimant can have at medical appointments;
- ▶ Clarified that if the claimant wants to seek additional medical opinions the claimant will be financially responsible for the medical examination expenses; and,
- ▶ Clarified that the employer is responsible for continuing medical expenses, if appropriate.

JBC staff and Legislative Council Fiscal Note Staff agree that these changes do not impact the fiscal note.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

☒ **XXX** **Concurs** ☐ **Does Not Concur** ☐ **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision reducing the Division of Workers' Compensation appropriation for FY 2010-11 by \$18,000 cash funds from the Division of Workers' Compensation Cash Fund.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

None.