

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/26/10 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee 03/29/10)**

The Senate Judiciary Committee Report:

- ▶ Set the compensation period for the loss of a tooth at four weeks (rather than six weeks); and,
- ▶ Clarified that the adjustment on the compensation limits applies to workers' compensation injuries sustained on and after January 1, 2012 (rather than January 1, 2011).

Legislative Council Fiscal Note Staff and JBC Staff are in agreement that setting the effective date of the annual adjustment of compensation for temporary disability payments to January 1, 2012 will increase state expenditures for workers' compensation claims by approximately \$353,000 in FY 2012-13, and \$722,000 in FY 2013-14.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**       **Does Not Concur**       **Updated Analysis**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2010-11.

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

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

**Points to Consider**

Senate Bill 10-187 as amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee will increase General Fund expenditures for workers' compensation claims by an unknown amount for the second half of FY 2012-13. This increase will most likely double in FY 2013-14 due to an increase in workers' compensation claims for a full fiscal year.