

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 176** HLS 22RS 182

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Medical Examinations in Workers' Comp Claims	

WORKERS COMPENSATION

EG NO IMPACT EX See Note

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Provides relative to medical examinations

Proposed law provides that if any dispute arises as to the condition of the employee, the employee's capacity to work, or whether the alleged injury or disability was caused by an alleged work-related incident, the assistant secretary shall order an additional medical opinion. Proposed law provides that if both parties agree on the choice of physician to conduct the additional medical examination, the parties may present the choice to the assistant secretary and that physician shall be selected to conduct the examination. Proposed law changes present law and provides that any party wishing to request an additional medical opinion regarding a medical examination of the claimant shall make such a request prior to the pretrial mediation conference. Proposed law deletes the requirement that the medical examination report provide any future treatment the medical examiner recommends within reason

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation modifies hearing procedures and standards for disputed workers compensation claims between the employer/payor and the injured employee or his representative. This bill establishes the process of how both parties may choose a physician to conduct a medical examination and the requirements that the report must provide. This proposed legislation does not have an impact on the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)/Office of Worker's Compensation Administration (OWCA).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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