

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1346

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Barlow

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumption limitation.**

5. Summary: Establishes a limitations period during which a public safety employee may bring a claim under the Workers' Compensation Act for hepatitis at two years after the employee receives notice of a positive test for exposure to hepatitis. The limitation applies only to those public safety employees who are entitled to the existing presumption that hepatitis is an occupational disease. Existing law provides that the limitations period for claims involving hepatitis is the earlier to occur of (i) two years after a diagnosis of the disease is first communicated to the employee or (ii) five years from the date of the last injurious exposure in employment.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: The Workers' Compensation Commission indicates this bill has no significant impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Workers' Compensation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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