

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1705

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; modifications to employee's home and automobile.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Workers' Compensation Commission, in awards entered for incapacity for work, to require the employer to furnish and maintain modifications to or equipment for the injured employee's automobile. Such awards may be made upon the determination by the treating physician and the commission that they are medically necessary. Such an award may be in addition to currently authorized awards for bedside lifts, adjustable beds, and home modifications. The measure also increases the maximum aggregate cost of all such items and modifications on account of any one accident from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate/Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: The Workers' Compensation Commission indicates that this legislation could increase expenditures of the Uninsured Employer's Fund, because it doubles the maximum award and adds modification of the claimants automobile to accommodate physical limitation as a result of injury. However, it is believed that the fiscal impact will be nominal.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: n/a

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