

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1201

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; suitably equipped automobile.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Workers' Compensation Commission to require an employer to provide funds for the purchase of a suitably equipped automobile for an incapacitated employee if it finds that it is medically necessary and that modifications to the employee's automobile are not technically feasible or will cost more than the funds available for a replacement automobile. The total of the costs of the automobile and of any bedside lifts, adjustable beds, and modification of the employee's principal home are limited to \$42,000, which is the amount of the existing cap on expenses for modifications to the injured employee's automobile and home.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Human Resource Management's Workers' Compensation Services Program, the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation cannot be determined. The number of claims in which an injured employee would require an automobile to accommodate their medical needs, but the modifications to their existing automobile are not technically feasible or exceeds the funds available for a replacement automobile is unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.