

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB689-ER

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Wampler

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Workers' compensation; employer duty to furnish medical attention; cost limit.

5. Summary: Adds scooters to the list of medical equipment an employer is required to furnish to an employee under certain circumstances under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. The bill raises the limit on the aggregate cost of items and modifications required to be furnished by an employer to an injured employee from \$42,000 to \$55,000, to be increased on an annual basis.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission expects the proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact for the agency. There may be an impact to the Uninsured Employer's Fund (UEF); however, the impact in the number of awards provided through the UEF are expected to be minimal.

The Department of Human Resource Management's Office of Workers' Compensation expects the proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact for its program or the workers' compensation unit at the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law. The increase to the limit on the aggregate cost of items and modifications may lead to an increase to the experience-based workers' compensation premium for state agencies; however, the premium increase is expected to not be significant.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.