

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1177

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Stolle**3. Committee**   Courts of Justice**4. Title**            Compensation for crime victims.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Increases the maximum amount that can be paid out for a claim under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:****6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07			
2007-08	\$310,000	0	NGF
2008-09	\$310,000	0	NGF
2009-10	\$310,000	0	NGF
2010-11	\$310,000	0	NGF
2011-12	\$310,000	0	NGF
2012-13	\$310,000	0	NGF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This fiscal impact statement has been revised to reflect a year expenditure impact of \$310,000 per fiscal year. The initial impact statement indicated a \$50,000 per year fiscal impact, but after further analysis this revised estimate seems more realistic. The Workers' Compensation Commission expects the impact of this legislation to be relatively small. In FY 2006, the number of claimants who were at the current cap level was 31. Thus, the maximum amount of impact of this change during FY 2006 would have been \$310,000, which would represent an increase of approximately nine percent over total benefits paid out. This estimate was derived using trend analysis and projections and does not take into account increased restitution that would be possible; approximately 16 percent of the Fund's revenues for FY 2006 came from restitution and unclaimed restitution.

Using cash projections for the next ten years, and taking into account standard increases in costs and benefits, and also assuming the maximum increase each year, it appears that the Fund's cash balance could well absorb the increase into the next decade.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Worker's Compensation Commission

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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