

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB239

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: Petersen

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; recovering damages from other party.

5. Summary: Expands the type of persons against whom an injured employee may bring a cause of action to recover damages for injury, occupational disease, or death to include statutory co-employees. The measure provides that a determination of whether a person is a stranger to the employer's work shall be made without regard to whether the person was performing work that is part of the trade, business, or occupation of the injured employee's employer. The measure affirms that an "other party" shall not include the injured employee's employer or a fellow employee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Workers' Compensation Commission, the proposed legislation is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact for the agency or the Uninsured Employer's Fund.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB474 (Wagner) and companion to HB207 (Webert).