

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB345

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; cost of automobile.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Workers' Compensation Commission, in awards entered for incapacity for work and upon determination by the treating physician and the Commission that it is medically necessary, to require an employer to provide up to \$42,000 for the purchase by the employee of a suitably equipped automobile. Such payment may be required if modifications to or equipment for the employee's automobile are not appropriate. The provision of funds for an automobile under this measure is separate from the \$42,000 aggregate cap on expenses for modifications to or equipment for the employee's automobile and for bedside lifts, adjustable beds, and modification of the employee's principal home consisting of ramps, handrails, doorway alterations, or any appliances prescribed by the treating physician.

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: None.