

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB677

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 living supplements.

5. Summary: Provides that cost of living supplements shall be payable to claimants who are receiving disability benefits under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act but are not receiving federal disability benefits.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact for the Department of Human Resource Management's (DHRM) Office of Workers' Compensation (OWC) or the workers' compensation unit at the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law. According to DHRM, the cost of living adjustment (COLA) is already a part of the workers' compensation process, and if the bill passes, it is unlikely to affect many injured workers who are in the state workforce.

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission does not expect the proposed legislation will have a fiscal impact for the agency. However, there may be an impact to the Uninsured Employer's Fund, but the impact to the number of awards paid through the Fund cannot be determined at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.