

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB974-E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Keys-Gamarra

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Workers' compensation; presumption that certain injuries arose out of employment.

5. Summary: The engrossed bill provides that in any claim for workers' compensation, where the employee suffers an unexplained fall in the course of employment, the employee may satisfy the burden of proof by circumstantial evidence, testimony of others, other evidence, or any combination thereof.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation does not expand a presumption to cover an unexplained fall in the course of employment. According to the Department of Human Resource Management, the proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact for its Office of Workers' Compensation program, the Attorney General and Department of Law unit assigned to litigate the state's workers' compensation claims, or state agencies in the workers' compensation program.

According to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, the proposed legislation is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact for the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management, Attorney General and Department of Law, Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, and all state agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.