



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0346.01: Revise workers' compensation laws.

Primary Sponsor: Greg Hertz Status: As Introduced

☐ Included in the Executive Budget ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2 ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts ☐ Technical Concerns ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

| | <u>FY 2026 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2027 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2028 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2029 Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expenditures | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| General Fund Balance | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> |

Description of fiscal impact

SB 346 revises workers compensation laws relating to when benefits may be ordered providing that payment of benefits is not required when there has not been an acceptance of liability. There is no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry

1. The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) will will not have a fiscal impact.

Montana State Fund

2. Montana State Fund (MSF) does not expect a meaningful fiscal impact as a result of the proposed changes to 39-71-610, MCA. MSF is unable to determine how frequently a claimant will prevail in establishing their eligibility for interim benefits prior to mediation.
3. MSF does not expect a fiscal impact related to the proposed changes to 39-71-615, MCA. These changes add clarifying language to the code, but MSF does not currently pay compensation benefits under this section.
4. MSF does not expect a fiscal impact related to the proposed changes to 39-71-1106, MCA. These changes add clarifying language to the code.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

Date

2/26

Budget Director's Initials

2/26/2025

Date