



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0109.01: Revise workers' compensation definition of treating physician to include physical therapists**

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>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

Description of fiscal impact

SB 109 revises the definition of "treating physician" to include physical therapists. There will not be a fiscal impact for the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Labor and Industry

1. The addition of licensed physical therapists to the definition of "treating physician" will not create any additional work or added operating costs to the department.

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2. Allowing physical therapist to be included within the definition of 'treating physician' is expected to increase the volume of treating physicians in the state.
3. The fiscal impact cannot be determined; it is unknown whether the increased volume of treating physicians from adding physical therapists would impact costs.
4. A treating physician is a person primarily responsible for delivery and coordination of the injured employee's medical services for treatment of a workers' compensation injury or occupational disease.
5. This bill does not increase an injured employees' access to physicians, lab work, prescriptions, or admittance to a hospital.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

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Date