FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0175 **Title:** Allow insurer to withhold court order restitution for theft of WC benefits

Primary Sponsor: Cohenour, J **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date David Ewer, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY 2006 Difference	FY 2007 Difference
Expenditures:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	$0	$0

- ☐ Significant Local Gov. Impact
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
- ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached
- ☐ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
- ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

State Fund

1. This bill will allow insurers the ability to withhold workers' compensation benefits payable to an injured employee who is subject to court-ordered restitution for theft of worker's compensation benefits.
2. Currently an injured employee, subject to court-ordered restitution for theft of worker's compensation benefits, is able to receive other workers' compensation benefits even though the court-ordered restitution has not been paid.
3. Currently, the Montana State Fund has seven injured employees who are subject to court-ordered restitution for theft of worker's compensation benefits and who have received or remain eligible to receive other workers' compensation benefits even though the court-ordered restitution remains unpaid.
4. The fiscal impact will be minimal and is difficult to quantify, as these specific circumstances are not frequent.
5. This legislation will apply to; Plan I, Plan II, Plan III insurers, and injured employees covered by the three plans.