



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0054

**Title:** Require worker's compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters

**Primary Sponsor:** Facey, Tom

**Status:** As Amended in Senate Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Proprietary - MT State Fund		-----Unknown-----		
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Proprietary - MT State Fund		-----Unknown-----		
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** A governing body of a fire agency organized under Title 7, Chapter 33, will be required to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters who are listed on a roster of service effective July 1, 2015.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Montana State Fund**

1. Each governing body may elect plan no. 1, 2, or 3 to insure their volunteer firefighters' workers' compensation insurance coverage.
2. The National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) will annually file the flat assumed payroll amount to be reported for each volunteer firefighter.
3. The fiscal impact cannot be quantified at this time as the number of volunteer firefighters in the counties to be provided workers' compensation insurance coverage is unknown.
4. Over time, as data pertaining to volunteer firefighters' actual payroll and incurred loss is collected, the firefighter classification code premium rate will correlate with actual incurred losses.

**Technical Notes:**

**Montana State Fund**

1. Volunteer firefighters covered for workers' compensation insurance are based on those cited on the 'roster of service'. The amendment strikes NEW SECTION. Section 1.(5), requiring that an employer 'shall file a roster of service' with the clerk and recorder in their associated county. Striking this language creates ambiguity.

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