



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # SB0386

Title: Revise volunteer firefighter benefit laws

Primary Sponsor: Facey, Tom

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input 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>
Expenditures:				
Proprietary - MT State Fund	-----	Unable to Determine	-----	-----
Revenue:				
Proprietary - MT State Fund	-----	Unable to Determine	-----	-----
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u> \$0 </u>	<u> \$0 </u>	<u> \$0 </u>	<u> \$0 </u>

Description of fiscal impact: An employer may provide workers' compensation coverage, as provided in Title 39, chapter 71 and Title 7, chapter 33, to any volunteer firefighter who is listed on a roster of service. 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.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- Employers shall maintain the roster of service with the effective date of membership for each volunteer firefighter beginning July 1, 2013.
- The National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) will annually file the flat assumed payroll amount to be reported for each volunteer firefighter.
- Montana State Fund (plan no. 3) must use the flat assumed payroll amount when providing workers' compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters. Plan no. 1 and plan no. 2 are not required to use the flat assumed payroll amount.

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.
5. Each employer may elect plan no. 1, 2, or 3 to insure their volunteer firefighters' workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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