



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. Kerr A.**Bill Status:** Senate Business, Labor and Technology**Fiscal Analyst:** Clare Pramuk (303-866-2677)

TITLE: CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROCEDURES.**Summary of Legislation**

This bill clarifies that SB09-168 was intended to apply to all workers' compensation claims, regardless of when the claim was filed. It requires the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Labor and Employment to establish a life expectancy table based on mortality tables issued by the federal government or private industry on July 1 in even-numbered years. Lump sum settlements are required to be paid to a claimant within 15 days after an executed settlement order is received by the insurer. Finally, documents required under the Workers' Compensation Act must be delivered in the same medium to all required recipients. The bill is effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

This bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. Changing the effective date for claims filed under SB09-168 does not affect the workload of any state agency because the bill was procedural in nature and did not drive a fiscal impact. The requirement to establish a life expectancy table under SB10-163 will be addressed as part of the regular rulemaking activity of the Division of Workers' Compensation and no additional resources are required.

Departments Contacted

Labor and Employment