



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

SB0310 - Revise presumptive occupational disease laws (Small, Jason D)

**Status:** As Introduced

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| <input checked="" 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 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary		----- Cannot be Determined -----		
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Proprietary		----- Cannot be Determined -----		
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>		----- Cannot be Determined -----		

**Description of fiscal impact:** The fiscal impact of SB 310 cannot be determined. The bill adds two types of cancer, cervical and testicular, to the list of presumptive occupational diseases for firefighters cited in 39-71-1401(2), MCA. The number and severity of claims that may be compensable due to these two additional presumptive diseases are not known. Any fiscal impact will be reflected in the workers' compensation rates for the governing class codes in future rate filings.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:**

**Montana State Fund**

1. SB 310 creates a presumption that a firefighter has a compensable presumptive occupational disease for cervical cancer, after 15 years of employment as a firefighter, and testicular cancer, after 10 years of employment as a firefighter, if the firefighter satisfies the requirements of 39-71-1402, MCA.
2. An insurer can rebut the presumptive occupational disease by providing substantial evidence that the conditions in 39-71-1402, MCA, are not met or by proving that the firefighter did not have sufficient exposures to have reasonably caused the presumptive occupational disease.
3. The number and potential cost of claims caused by these two additional presumptive occupational disease claims cannot be determined. Any cost impacts that result from SB 310 will be reflected in future rates for the governing class code.

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

1. All governmental entities that provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for paid firefighters will be subject to SB 310. Governmental entities that provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters with optional coverage may be impacted by SB 310 if they agree to provide presumptive occupational disease coverage.

**NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE**

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