

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and be Referred to the Committee on Rules

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Burdick, Rosenbaum, Bonamici

Nays: George, Girod

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/5, 5/19, 5/21, 5/26, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies amount of reimbursement due personal injury protection provider when total benefits exceed damages. Extends coverage for medical and certain related expenses from one year to two years from date of injury.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Washington's personal injury protection (PIP) laws
- Mandatory PIP coverage
- Impact of measure on premium costs
- Industry data relating to potential cost increase
- PIP reimbursement and payout procedures

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows an insurance company to be reimbursed for personal injury protection payments before the insured is fully compensated. House Bill 2325A requires an insured consumer to be fully compensated, within the limits of coverage, before an insurer is reimbursed. HB 2325A also extends coverage of medical and related expenses to two years after the date of injury without increasing the maximum amount an insured consumer may recover.