2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 110 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Relating to the death benefits paid in workers' compensation claims
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of consumer and Business Services
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	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
See Comments		
REVENUES:		
POSITIONS / FTE:		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: SB 110 changes death related benefits paid in worker's compensation claims. The bill increases the benefits paid in death claims from 10 to 20 times the average weekly wage, and increases the age and amount in death benefits to be paid to an eligible child or dependent who is without a surviving parent and who is attending school.

The fiscal impact of this bill is an estimated $624,360 in annual costs that would be paid out of the Worker's Benefit Fund from the increased burial benefit for workers in permanent total disability (PTD) status. For PTD workers, the burial benefit will be adjusted to bring the benefit up to the revised benefit level. The Department of Consumer and Business Services estimates that this cost will decline over time as the population of PTD status workers declines, and will not have a material effect on the Worker's Benefit Fund assessment rates.