

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

**Measure: SB 298**

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**Measure Description:**

Makes permanent Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries' discretion to prepare formal charges and pursue certain matters in court.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)

**Analysis:**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Workforce to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. This bill would provide that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries would retain discretion at key points in the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) enforcement process; whether or not to issue formal charges in a case, and whether or not to pursue a claim in court on behalf of a complainant alleging an unlawful practice under the housing discrimination statutes. This practice has had an impact on the state's ability to qualify for federal funds that support housing discrimination claim investigations; the extent of the impact on the agency's revenues and expenditures is under evaluation. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Further Analysis Required