

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2788

Relating to the balance required in the Workers' Benefit Fund

HB 2788 requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to increase the minimum statutorily required fund balance of the Workers' Benefit Fund from six months to twelve months of projected operating expenditures.

If the balance of the Fund falls below minimum requirements, DCBS is required to report to the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee with a plan to increase the balance to the required amount, and the advisory committee must provide advice to the director regarding the plan.

The Workers' Benefit Fund revenue comes from a cents-per-hour worked payroll assessment, which was recently reduced in 2018 from 2.8 to 2.4 cents.

The bill has no fiscal impact and the Fund already has a balance of equivalent to twelve months of operating expenditures.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2788 be reported out do pass.