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**LB 194**

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would change workers' compensation provisions on lump-sum settlements.

The Workers Compensation Court estimates no fiscal impact from the provisions of this bill, and also notes the following:

Currently, four full time staff attorneys review all lump sum settlement applications (whether or not the employee is represented) and make an approval or disapproval recommendation to the presiding judge. However, these attorneys also spend approximately forty percent of their time on other matters. Under LB 194, it is anticipated that one full time equivalent attorney position would still be needed to review lump sum settlement applications in which the employee is not represented by counsel. An additional one and one half full time equivalent attorney positions would still be needed to perform the other, non-settlement related duties that are currently being performed. Should the remaining one and one half full time equivalent positions be eliminated, the annual expenditures of the court would be reduced by \$100,263. However, it is anticipated that those positions would be redirected to other duties within the court that are currently not being performed. One full time equivalent position would be redirected to support the seven judges of the court who handle both trial and appellate cases, and who are currently supported by only one part time law clerk. The remaining one half time position would be redirected to support the court administrator and human resources manager, who currently have no professional level support.

LB194 would also result in some reduction in the workload of the presiding judge and some administrative support staff, but all such positions would still be required to perform other duties and no reduction in expenditures would result.

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COMMENTS					
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT – No disagreement with agency assessment.					