Legal Title
Workers’ Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 6, Statutes of 2002 (AB 749)
Labor Code section 6354.7

Fund Classification
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Purpose
The Commission on Health and Safety and Workers’ Compensation may expend proceeds of the fund for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a worker occupational safety and health training and education program and insurance loss control services coordinator.

The purpose of the worker occupational safety and health training and education program is to promote awareness of the need for prevention education programs, to develop and to provide injury and illness prevention education programs for employees and their representatives, and to deliver those awareness and training programs through a network of providers throughout the State. The payment of administrative costs incurred by the Commission in conducting the program will be made from this fund.

The Coordinator is to provide information to employers about availability of loss control consultation services, and respond to employers’ questions and complaints about loss control consultation services provided by their insurer. The coordinator shall notify the insurer of every complaint concerning loss control services.

No more than 20 percent of this fund may be expended each year for the cost of providing the coordinator services.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Industrial Relations/ Org 7350

Major Revenue Source
Per Labor Code section 6354.7 the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations shall levy and collect fees assessed against insurers subject to Labor Code section 6354.5. However, the fee assessed against any insurer shall not exceed the greater of one hundred dollars ($100) or 0.0286 percent of paid workers’ compensation indemnity claims as reported for the previous calendar year to the designated rating organization for the analysis required under subdivision (b) of Section 1175.9.1 of the Insurance Code.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.
### Appropriation Authority
Upon appropriation by the Legislature.

### State Appropriations Limit
**Excluded** – Revenues in this fund are not the proceeds of taxes; however, when transferred may become the proceeds of taxes.

### Comments/Historical Information