

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** May 27, 2011  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 335  
**AUTHOR:** J. Solorio

**BILL SUMMARY: Workers' Compensation: Notices**

This bill would revise requirements for notifying injured employees of the rules governing workers' compensation and of the employees and employers rights and obligations. This bill would also require the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to develop informational material that describes the workers' compensation process in plain language, which would also be available on their Internet Web site.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The DIR indicates that any costs resulting from this bill, such as costs to develop the required informational material, update their regulations, and provide information on the Internet, would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the Original version include the following significant amendment which does not change our position:

The requirement for a booklet has been changed to informational material and it is no longer required to be made available by mail.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it is unnecessary as DIR currently provides notices and informational material, including informational material posted on DIR's website, related to the workers' compensation benefit process.

Existing law establishes a system of workers' compensation that provides benefits to employees for injuries or illnesses arising out of, or in the course of, employment. The Division of Workers' Compensation is required to adopt regulations governing notifications to injured employees regarding workers' compensation benefits and claims.

This bill would require the DWC to consult with the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation to update specified notices and develop informational material and Internet content that describes the overall workers' compensation benefit process in plain language, as specified.

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	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
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7350/DIR	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0223
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0223	Workers' Comp Administration Revolv Fund								