

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5873 S SB	Title: Unemployment insurance
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Employment Security Department	0	0	(214,000,000)	0	0	(29,400,000)	0	0	0
Total \$	0	0	(214,000,000)	0	0	(29,400,000)	0	0	0

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2021-23				2023-25				2025-27			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of Administrative Hearings	Fiscal note not available											
Employment Security Department	2.2	0	0	701,627	1.7	0	0	354,608	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	2.2	0	0	701,627	1.7	0	0	354,608	0.0	0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Administrative Hearings	Fiscal note not available								
Employment Security Department	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5873 S SB	Title: Unemployment insurance	Agency: 540-Employment Security Department
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Unemployment Compensation Administration Account-Federal 119-2	(92,300,000)	(121,700,000)	(214,000,000)	(29,400,000)	
Total \$	(92,300,000)	(121,700,000)	(214,000,000)	(29,400,000)	

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE Staff Years	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.7	0.0
Account					
Unemployment Compensation Administration Account-Federal 119-2	414,812	286,815	701,627	354,608	0
Total \$	414,812	286,815	701,627	354,608	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact . Factors impacting the precision of these estimates , and alternate ranges (if appropriate) , are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☒ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia , complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia , complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☒ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency .

The original bill made changes to the PFML premium allocation between employers and employees. These sections were removed in the substitute bill.

Sec. 1. Reduces the social tax for nearly all employers in 2022 and 2023 (those in the highest rate class(es) likely won't see a reduction) and reduces the social tax for many employers with 10 or fewer employees for 2023. The Department's unemployment tax computer system (NGTS) will need to be reprogrammed for 2022 and for 2023. The agency will need to reprogram the annual tax rate run and reissue tax rate notices to all taxable employers. Operational staff within UICS will need to be trained on the changes and assist with testing and implementing the changes to NGTS. Project management will be needed to manage the cross-division coordination. Government Relations and Communications will also need to effectively communicate these changes to our customers, stakeholders, and the Legislature.

Sec. 2. This makes a technical correction. No program or operational impact.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates . Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions .

See Narrative.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

See Narrative.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
119-2	Unemployment Compensation Administration Account	Federal	414,812	286,815	701,627	354,608	0
Total \$			414,812	286,815	701,627	354,608	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE Staff Years	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.7	
A-Salaries and Wages	122,573	150,868	273,441	181,122	
B-Employee Benefits	49,029	60,347	109,376	72,448	
C-Professional Service Contracts	56,420		56,420		
E-Goods and Other Services	153,904	35,122	189,026	52,442	
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	32,886	40,478	73,364	48,596	
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Total \$	414,812	286,815	701,627	354,608	0

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation . Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
IT App Developer Senior/Specialist	96,720		0.2	0.1		
IT Project Managment Expert	106,620	0.4	0.4	0.4		
Tax Specialist 3	51,432	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2	
Tax Specialist 4	54,108	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6	
Total FTEs		2.0	2.3	2.2	1.7	0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation . Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules .

N/A

Cash Receipts Narrative

Unemployment Insurance Impact, Section 1:

This section reduces the flat social cost factor rate for all employers from .75% to .50% for the 2022 rate year, reduces the flat social cost factor rate for all employers from .80% to .70%. Also, for the 2023 rate year, this section also caps the graduated social tax rate for employers who reported 10 or fewer employees on their fourth quarter of 2021 unemployment tax reports at the graduated social tax rate for Rate Class 7. Small employers in Rate Class 1-7 get the graduated social tax rate for their rate class, while small employers in Rate Class 8-40 get the graduated social tax rate for Rate Class 7.

In sum, there will be roughly \$260 million and .6 months of benefits less in the unemployment trust fund as a result of these changes. See the table below:

Projections based on current state				
	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	CY 2025
Avg. Tax Rate	1.45%	1.56%	1.56%	1.43%
Total Tax Payments	\$1,830.4 million	\$2,046.0 million	\$2,116.9 million	\$1,988.5 million
Trust Fund Balance	\$2,431.9 million	\$3,296.6 million	\$4,142.1 million	\$4,795.9 million
Months of Benefits Available	4.9 months	6.6 months	8.3 months	9.5 months
Projections with SB 5873				
	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	CY 2025
Avg. Tax Rate	1.30%	1.51%	1.56%	1.43%
Total Tax Payments	\$1,645.8 million	\$1,987.2 million	\$2,112.2 million	\$1,988.5 million
Trust Fund Balance	\$2,245.9 million	\$3,043.3 million	\$3,880.6 million	\$4,527.8 million
Months of Benefits Available	4.6 months	6.0 months	7.7 months	8.9 months
Difference				
	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	CY 2025
Avg. Tax Rate	-.15%	-.05%	0%	0%
Total Tax Payments	-\$184.6 million	-\$58.8 million	\$0	\$0
Trust Fund Balance	-\$186 million	-\$253.3 million	-\$261.5 million	-\$268.1 million
Months of Benefits Available	-.3 months	-.6 months	-.6 months	-.6 months

For employers with 10 employees or less whose 2022 rates are in Rate Class 7 or above, it is estimated that their average total tax rate is going from 1.28% under current law to 1.21% under SB 5873.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, the effect of the reduction for the calendar year is split equally in order to input into the State Fiscal Year format. E.g., Fiscal year 2023 effect is composed of 50% of CY2022 and 50% 2023.

Operating Narrative

Section 1:

Implementation of 2022 unemployment tax rate changes in Sec. 1 will occur immediately upon signing of the bill. New tax rate notices mailed by the end of February 2022.

Implementation of the 2023 unemployment tax rate changes in Sec. 1 will start after July 1, 2022 and will continue until the completion of the annual tax rate run, which is scheduled to be complete in November/December of 2022.

To reprogram the NGTS computer system for the 2022 and 2023 tax rate year and to redo the 2022 annual tax rate run, the following IT resources will be needed:

For fiscal year 2022:

- Contracted Services Costs – Total of \$56,420
 - IT Developer 290 hours @ \$130 per hour = \$37,700
 - IT Tester 240 hours @ \$78 per hour = 18,720

For fiscal year 2023:

- 0.24 FTE of IT App Developer Senior/ Specialist

ESD anticipates it will receive additional phone and e-mail inquiries related to tax rate notices from employers it will have to field. This will be a one-time expense limited to the 42 days after tax rate notices going out, requiring the following resources:

Fiscal year 2022:

- 1.05 FTE of Tax Specialist 3

ESD also anticipates more time will be spent by staff in the Rates unit when reviewing tax rates. These positions are a result of necessary additional time per transaction to review tax rates when employers have questions. Once the 2023 tax rates are released at the end of 2022, employers will ask the Rates unit to have their tax rates reviewed for accuracy. This work will occur throughout 2023. In 2023, and further out into 2024 and 2025, an employer's 2023 tax rate can be retroactively recalculated for various reasons, such as quarterly report amendments being filed by the employer or audit findings made by the agency. Once that recalculation happens, a new 2023 tax rate notice will be sent, which will give the employer another opportunity to request review of their 2023 rate. These will be expenses requiring the following resources through June 2025, as ESD's legal authority to recalculate the 2023 tax rate expires July 1, 2025:

Fiscal year 2022:

- .38 FTE of Tax Specialist 3
- .19 FTE of Tax Specialist 4

Fiscal years 2023 through 2025:

- 1.15 FTE of Tax Specialist 3
- .58 FTE of Tax Specialist 4

Sending new unemployment tax rate notices for 2022 will result in a 1-time mailing cost of \$123,801.65. This will take place in FY 2022.

Project management work will include but not be limited to guiding the project through governance, working with IT systems managers, overseeing project work necessary, assisting with identifying and remediating risks and guiding the work to completion, convening and managing the work team, preparing project management documentation and doing recurring project management updates, scheduling and organizing team meetings, keeping the executive sponsor and other key stakeholders informed of new developments and obtaining their input and guidance as necessary and appropriate.

Fiscal Year 2022:

- .36 FTE of IT Project Management Expert

Fiscal Year 2023

- .35 FTE of IT Project Management Expert