
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1329 (Ortega) - Workers' Compensation: Subsequent injuries payments

Version: April 21, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: L., P.E. & R. 4 - 1

Mandate: No

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: AB 1329 would make specified changes to the administration of workers' compensation claims from the Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF).

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact:

- The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) would likely incur costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to implement the provisions of the bill. (Workers' Compensation Administration Revolving Fund).
- To the extent that this bill results in lower workers' compensation for employers, the bill would result in savings to the State as a direct employer (General Fund or special fund). The magnitude is unknown.

Author Amendments:

- Disallow certain conditions from being considered in the calculation for permanent disability: acid reflux, diabetes, sleep apnea, and sexual dysfunction.
- Reestablish a 5-year statute of limitations on SIBTF applications, beginning January 1, 2026.

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