# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2249H.01I Bill No.: HB 952

Subject: Civil Procedure; Insurance - General; Liability

Type: Original

Date: February 24, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes provisions relating to double recovery of civil

damages from a defendant and an insurer.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
<b>Effect on General</b>					
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
Effect on Other State					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
Effect on All Federal					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
Effect on FTE	0	0	0		

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any
of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

☐ Estimated Net Effect	(savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in ar	ny of
the three fiscal years	after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act	.•

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS						
FUND AFFECTED FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 202						
Local Government \$0 \$0 \$0						

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

# §490.715 – Payments for Tort Liability to Insurers

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume any potential litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. However, the AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in litigation or investigation.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes the AGO will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the AGO for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations** and the **Office of Administration** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

In response to similar legislation from 2024, SB 1201, officials from the **Office of the State**Courts Administrator assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small businesses who are a party to a lawsuit could be impacted by this proposal.

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# **FISCAL DESCRIPTION**

This act provides that a portion of a plaintiff's claim for damages may be satisfied by a reimbursement from a defendant or a defendant's insurer or authorized representative if all or any part of the plaintiff's deductible and damages are reimbursed to the plaintiff's insurer by the defendant or his or her insurer or authorized representative and if such plaintiff would have a potential double recovery without such satisfaction.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator Attorney General's Office Department of Commerce and Insurance Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Office of Administration

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