

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Helen Giddings, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2198** by Solomons (Relating to the certification of maximum medical improvement and the impairment rating assigned to an employee in a claim for workers' compensation benefits.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill amends the Labor Code to require the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt a rule that sets a timeframe for disputes regarding certification of maximum medical improvement and assignment of impairment ratings.

Based on the analysis by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, the agency indicates it could absorb the costs associated with the bill within its current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 453 Workers' Compensation Commission, 478 Research and Oversight Council on Workers' Compensation, 479 State Office of Risk Management

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