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TO: Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2868 by Swinford (Relating to assessment of certain insurers to fund the volunteer fire department assistance fund.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2868, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT ASSISTANCE 5064
2008	\$15,000,000
2009	\$15,000,000
2010	\$15,000,000
2011	\$15,000,000
2012	\$30,000,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to to increase the annual aggregate assessment on certain insurers to fund GR Account 5064—Volunteer Fire Department Assistance from \$15 million to \$30 million.

Methodology

Under current law, the Comptroller establishes an assessment rate against applicable insurers to yield aggregate assessment receipts of \$15 million per year. This bill would require that the annual rates be set to generate \$30 million each year. Because the bill would also repeal the September 1, 2011 expiration date for the assessment, the gain in fiscal 2012 and each year thereafter would be \$30 million.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 454 Department of Insurance **LBB Staff:** JOB, CT, MW, SK