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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/07/13

SPONSOR Kane LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HM 89

SHORT TITLE PTSD Impact and Firefighter Presumptions SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Chavez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Unknown				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 89 requests that the Workers' Compensation Administration (WCA) study Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and its relationship to job-related health problems for firefighters. The memorial also requests that the WCA review the current presumptions for firefighters, including 11 cancers, five infectious diseases, and various cardiovascular provisions, that are presumed to be job-related for the purposes of making a claim to the WCA. The WCA shall allow all interested persons representing workers and employers to participate and provide recommendations and input into this study. Finally, the WCA requested to provide recommendations to the legislature.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial notes that people who work in certain professional fields, such as firefighting, are more likely to experience PTSD. Firefighting also has an increased risk of certain associated illness, including infectious diseases, cancers, and cardiovascular illness and injury.

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