



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1481

PRINTER'S NO. 2186

PRIME SPONSOR: Steele

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

Amends Act 1 of Special Session 2 of 1936, known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, to extend eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits to workers unemployed due to a work stoppage.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1481, Printer's Number 2186 would amend the Unemployment Compensation Law such that workers unemployed, in whole or in part, due to a work stoppage will not be deemed to have voluntarily quit their job. As a result, these employees would be eligible to collect unemployment benefits. The bill also removes provisions of the Unemployment Compensation Law that currently specify conditions under which a work unemployed due to a work stoppage would remain eligible for unemployment benefits.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Department of Labor & Industry, the fiscal impact of this legislation relies on too many speculative variables to be determined at this time. However, the Department was able to provide information on what the impact to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund would have been in prior years based on the number and length of strikes in those years. For the four-year period between 2017 and 2020, the cost to the Trust Fund if this legislation had been in place would have averaged approximately \$2.24 million per year.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*