

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS ACCT	\$960,592	\$1,017,897	\$1,078,971

Source of expenditure increase:

The expenditure increase is for the purchase of hearing aids for state employees covered under the bill.

Assumptions:

The Department of Administration and Information assumes a purchase of two hearing aids for each eligible individual. The hearing aids are assumed to have a replacement period of at most twenty-four months. The expense is assumed to be 0.35% of medical claims.

The fiscal impact in the form of a revenue decrease due to increased credits against the insurance premium tax is indeterminable. Each insurer gets a credit against the insurance premium tax in proportion to the cost of claims received by the insurer. This bill requires insurers to cover hearing aids and related services, therefore increasing the amount of insurance premium tax credit an insurer can receive and reducing revenue from insurance premium taxes. The amount of the revenue decrease is indeterminable due to an unknown number of claims for hearing aids and related services that will be filed.

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