

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3573
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	9832
Author:	Rep. Pae
Date:	2/13/2024
Impact:	FY-25: < \$1,000,000
	FY-26+: Increase with Medical Trends

Research Analysis

House Bill 3573, as introduced, establishes the "Fighting Chance for Firefighters Act." The measure requires that any plan offered by the Employees Group Insurance Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, which provides medical and surgical benefits, must include coverage for annual comprehensive cancer screenings for lung, prostate, testicular, skin, colon, and breast cancer. This coverage is extended to all members of fire departments, including volunteers, and is not subject to annual deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance limits established for other covered benefits under the health benefit plan.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB3573 establishes the "Fighting Chance for Firefighters Act," which requires the Employees Group Insurance Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES-EGID) to provide insurance coverage for annual cancer screenings to all insured firefighter members. Coverage for screenings, as specified in this measure, are not subject to annual deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance limits.

Officials from OMES-EGID estimate the annual cost impact to be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or ten percent (10%), increase in total premium. The impact beyond one year would be expected to increase consistent with medical trends. Therefore, the fiscal impact on the state budget for FY-25 would be at most one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

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Other Considerations

None.