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AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY CANCER
RELIEF BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 6291), House "A" (LCO 6489)
House Calendar No.: 552
Senate Calendar No.: 266

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill requires the Joint Counsel of Connecticut Fire Services Organization to develop a plan for maintenance on turnout gear resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

The bill requires the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) to (a) maintain a record of all firefighters' workers' compensation claims made due to a cancer diagnosis and (b) report a summary of the records to the Labor Committee each year, which results in no fiscal impact because the agency already has the staffing and expertise to do so.

The bill requires the Comptroller to conduct a feasibility study on providing pension benefits to firefighters in circumstances when the required pension service years are not met due to early retirement resulting from a qualifying cancer diagnosis resulting in no fiscal impact to the state as the Comptroller already has the staffing and expertise to do so.

The bill also requires municipalities to contribute to the firefighters'

cancer relief account in the amount of \$10 per firefighter. This results in a cost to municipalities with fire departments that will vary based on the number of firefighters that serve such municipalities.

House "A" strikes section 1 and section 501 of the underlying bill as amended and the associated fiscal impacts. House "A" requires a plan for maintenance on turn out gear resulting in no fiscal impact and requires municipalities to contribute \$10 per firefighter to the firefighters' cancer relief account resulting in a cost to applicable municipalities as described above.

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