

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No:	HB 68	Printer's No:	1454	Sponsor:	Ryan (D)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: HB 68 amends the Unemployment Compensation Law to extend the deadline for employers to request relief from charges (RFC) to thirty days.

ANALYSIS: Currently the deadline for employers to file for RFC is fifteen days after the Department of Labor and Industry issues notice of a claimant's eligibility for UC benefits. HB 68 extends this deadline to 30 days after notification from the Department.

HB 68 takes effect after the completion of the benefit modernization implementation at the Department of Labor and Industry.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department projects that extending the deadline by an additional fifteen days will lead to an increase of \$11 million annually in RFC granted for employers. The increase in the amount of RFC granted will cause an annual decrease of \$2 million in employer Unemployment Compensation Tax contributions, to the Unemployment Compensation (UC) Trust Fund. This will begin impacting the UC Trust in the year that the Department complete the benefit modernization implementation and notifies the Legislation Reference Bureau to that effect.

Because this bill takes effect upon the completion of the benefit modernization implementation, the Department will not incur any costs from this bill as a result of IT system changes.