

Subsequent Injury Fund

MISSION

The Subsequent Injury Fund works to provide workers' compensation benefits to disabled workers who have combined effects from a pre-existing disability and an accidental work-related injury.

VISION

A State which has removed the disincentive to hire disabled workers due to employers' concerns of potentially larger workers' compensation claims.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To efficiently defend the Fund's resources against inappropriate use, and to provide monetary benefits to qualified disabled workers injured on the job in accordance with awards passed by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Obj. 1.1 All new cases will be promptly reviewed and prepared for legal defense.

Obj. 1.2 All ordered claimant payments will begin on time, and periodic payments will follow a standard bi-weekly schedule.

Goal 2. To maintain the adequacy and integrity of the Fund balance.

Obj. 2.1 To ensure that adequate funds are available from which to pay claims, the ratio of total Fund expenditures to total collections will remain less than 1:1.

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Number of benefit payments made	22,964	22,090	20,924	20,168	19,229	19,229	19,229
Number of new cases opened	643	536	505	462	449	449	449
Number of cases reopened	131	107	74	138	109	109	109
Number of cases resolved	819	750	672	648	679	679	679
Number of net resolved cases	(45)	(107)	(93)	(48)	(121)	(121)	(121)
Dollar amount of assessments collected (\$)	26,189,806	25,905,287	27,400,101	22,758,080	27,652,878	26,500,000	26,500,000
Interest on fund balance (\$)	1,431,736	1,797,618	1,468,889	329,466	496,570	500,000	500,000
Total collections (\$)	27,621,542	27,702,905	28,868,990	23,087,547	28,149,448	27,000,000	27,000,000
Benefits paid (\$)	20,704,329	20,157,471	20,224,367	19,151,208	19,555,752	20,000,000	20,000,000
Agency operating expenditures (\$)	2,286,283	2,324,635	2,382,881	2,445,028	2,599,220	2,722,402	2,913,233
Total expenditures (\$)	22,990,612	22,482,107	22,607,248	21,596,236	22,154,972	22,722,402	22,913,233
Ratio of total Fund expenditures to total collections for the year	0.832:1	0.812:1	0.783:1	0.935:1	0.787:1	0.842:1	0.849:1