



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** S. 0279    Introduced on January 28, 2025  
**Subject:** DEW Restructuring  
**Requestor:** Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Vesely  
**Impact Date:** February 12, 2025

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill changes the process of appointment of the Executive Director of the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) to direct appointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Currently, the DEW Review Committee nominates three applicants that are qualified based on demographic factors, ability, personal virtue, and education to the Governor. The Governor then nominates an applicant, and they are confirmed or rejected by the Senate. This bill removes the DEW Review Committee stage of the nomination process, and the Executive Director applicant would instead be nominated directly by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The DEW Review Committee continues to perform its other screening and oversight duties, and this bill would not substantially change other responsibilities in the agency. Therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact for DEW. The Governor's Office indicates that the proposed change will be managed within existing resources. Therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact for the Governor's Office.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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##### State Expenditure

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**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

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