

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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H. 4304 **Bill Number:** Introduced on April 6, 2023

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Subject: Torts, Loss of Parental and Filial Consortium Claims

House Judiciary Requestor:

RFA Analyst(s): Gardner

Impact Date: March 25, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A