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Follow up data for the Monday decision.

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tobacco stats. thanks.

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Estimated **number of state employees and their dependents who report using tobacco** (from PEBA):

- **16,474** out of 265,767
- **8.9%**

The following agencies have contacted DHEC for assistance in adopting the tobacco-free campus policy:

- DJJ
- DEW
- DPS
- DOT
- Revenue

DOC is already a tobacco-free campus.

Impact of Tobacco Use on SC:

Smoking costs South Carolina almost **\$5 billion** annually, including:

- **\$1.6 billion** in direct health care costs
- **\$1 billion** in lost productivity

Impact of Tobacco Use on Employers:

- Tobacco users **miss 2.3 more days** each year due to sickness than non-tobacco users
- Employees who take four 10-minute breaks a day to smoke **work about 1 month less** per year than workers who don't take smoke breaks
- The average tobacco user **costs an employer nearly \$6,000 per year**

Employees exposed to secondhand smoke on the job are:

- 12-19% more likely to get lung cancer
- At a 25-35% increased risk of heart attack

Nonsmoking employees can receive workers' comp, unemployment comp, disability benefits and settlements based upon exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace.

Going tobacco-free reduces liability and potential property damage: in 2012 smoking caused 16 fires in non-residential buildings.

Tobacco-Free Campus Policy:

- Modeled after successful policies developed by **two other state agencies**: USC and MUSC.
- Creates an environment that is **conducive to quitting** tobacco
- Promotes the **prevention** of tobacco use
- **Prevents the risks** associated with exposure to secondhand smoke