

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
12/27/2006

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2072

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The proposed legislation clarifies statutes relating to attorney fees; modifies sections relating to investigator travel, claim file destruction, weekly dependency allowances, non-dependency death awards; and clarifies language when changing medical providers.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE
2007 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: SB 2072

BILL DESCRIPTION: WSI Injury Services

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The proposed legislation clarifies what the governing statute is relating to the payment of workers compensation attorney fees; allows for investigator travel in unmarked state fleet vehicles; provides for the time period in which claim files can be destroyed; increases the weekly dependency allowance from \$10 to \$15 per week and establishes the criteria when the dependency allowance will be paid; provides for the non-dependency death award to be paid to the estate of a deceased employee; clarifies language when changing medical providers; provides statutory clean-up language within the vocational rehabilitation; and clarification within the attorney fee cap statute.

Reserve Level Impact: The proposed increase in dependency allowance will serve to increase future dependency allowance payments on existing claims by approximately \$70,000 per year. Assuming the dependency payments expire at the age of 18, the accumulated impact for the remaining life of these claims is an increase to discounted reserve levels of approximately \$500,000.

Rate Level Impact: Although the increase in the dependency allowance will serve to increase the costs associated with future claims, it is not anticipated to have a material impact on statewide premium levels (less than one-tenth of

one-percent per year).

DATE: January 12, 2007

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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