

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/06/2007

Amendment to: HB 1475

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			\$90,000			
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).*

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to implement and administer the Beginning Again North Dakota pilot program.

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.*

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.*

The expiration date for the pilot program is July 31, 2009. Because of the limited tenure of the program, it is implied that contracting for the service would be more economical and efficient than hiring an FTE.

The primary expenditures associated with this bill would consist of gathering data for the two communities. It is assumed that strategic plans for the two communities will then be completed incorporating the asset data. The estimated cost of the two strategic plans has been incorporated into this fiscal note.

The estimated expenditures associated with the pilot program are as follows:

Assemble and compile asset information: \$30,000 (\$15,000 per community)
Develop two strategic plans: \$60,000 (\$30,000 per community)
Report to the Legislature: No additional expenditures
Biennium Total: \$90,000

*It is assumed that an electronic data base would not be developed during the pilot period due to the fact that data from only two communities would be involved in the program. If the program became successful and additional communities were added, it would be economical to appropriate funds for the development of a specific data base. If

the pilot program expanded to cover additional communities, expenditures would increase to cover the expanded scope of the program.

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.*

No appropriations have been attached to this bill. As amended, this bill allows the Department of Commerce to charge the communities a fee of up to 25% of the value of the services offered. If the Department charges the fee to cover 25% of the cost, an additional \$67,500 will need to be appropriated for the 2007-2009 biennium in order to implement this program.

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