

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/28/2009

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2433

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.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 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.*

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 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 requires WSI to provide an application for renewal of disability benefits when an injured worker asserts they have performed a good faith work trial or search at six months after completion of a rehab option.

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
2009 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: SB 2433

BILL DESCRIPTION: Post-Rehab Work Search

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 requires WSI to follow-up with injured workers six months after selecting a rehabilitation option to determine if the injured worker is gainfully employed. If not, and the injured worker asserts they have performed a good faith work trial or search, WSI shall provide an application for renewal of disability benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown and not quantifiable. We are unclear of the intent of the legislation. Our understanding is WSI shall provide an application for renewed disability benefits when an injured worker asserts they have performed a good faith work trial or search. It is also our understanding under current law that by providing an application for renewal of disability benefits under these circumstances will likely not meet the reapplication standard for reinstatement of disability benefits. To the extent our understanding is correct; we don't anticipate a change in existing claims handling practices and anticipate no fiscal impact with this bill.

DATE: February 3, 2009

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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