

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/15/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1273

- 1 A. **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.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$478,000,000			
Appropriations						

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

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

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

HB 1273 creates residential, agricultural, and commercial property tax credits, and repeals the mill levy reduction grant 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.*

Section 1 of HB 1273 creates a property tax credit for a resident's primary residence, and a property tax credit for certain agricultural property adjacent to an exempt farm residence. Section 1 also creates a commercial property tax credit provided the owners are North Dakota residents. Section 3 repeals the existing mill levy reduction grant program.

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.*

Section 2 authorizes an optional freeze of the taxable valuation of a primary residence owned by a person over the age of 65, a person with a disability, or a disabled veteran. In the 2013-15 biennium, this optional valuation freeze is expected to shift an estimated \$10.6 million from qualifying elderly and disabled taxpayers to other taxpayers in the county through increased mill levies. This taxable valuation freeze is not a tax credit and is not reimbursed to counties by the state.

- 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.*

If enacted, the property tax credit provisions of Section 1 of HB 1273 are expected to increase expenditures by an estimated \$881 million in the 2013-15 biennium. The repeal of the mill levy reduction grant program is expected to reduce expenditures by an estimated \$403 million in the 2013-15 biennium. The net effect is an estimated increase in expenditures of \$478 million for the 2013-15 biennium.

- 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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