FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 03/29/2013

Amendment to: SB 2298

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.

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	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium			
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds		
Revenues								
Expenditures								
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).

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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.*

see attached

- 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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WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE 2013 LEGISLATION SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: Engrossed SB 2298 w/ House Amendment

BILL DESCRIPTION: Consideration of Treating Doctor's Opinions

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuarial firm, Bickerstaff, Whatley, Ryan & Burkhalter Consulting Actuaries, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The amended legislation provides that a presumption may not be established in favor of a treating doctor's opinion and provides for the standard of review to be used in rehearings of administrative orders and appeals of posthearing administrative orders.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact is anticipated as the amended bill will not result in a change to WSI's current and historical application of the statute. However, the amended bill may preclude further litigation costs resulting from alternative interpretations of the current statute.

DATE: April 1, 2013