

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/19/2019

Amendment to: Reengrossed SB 2037

- 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.*

	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$19,692		\$19,692	
Appropriations			\$19,692		\$19,692	

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

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 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).*

This measure relates to the disposal and storage of high-level radioactive waste and subsurface storage and retrieval of nonhydrocarbons. This measure also establishes a high-level radioactive waste fund and a high-level radioactive waste advisory council.

- 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 3 of this measure provides disposal and storage of high-level radioactive waste and subsurface storage and retrieval of nonhydrocarbons to be overseen by the Industrial Commission acting through the state geologist, and provides jurisdiction in regulatory, permitting, and reporting requirements.

Section 3 also establishes a high-level radioactive waste fund and a high-level radioactive waste advisory council. The bill requires appointed council members to meet at least annually, but it is estimated the council will meet three times per year (every four months) in response to the number of issues that arose this session during testimony on this bill. The bill requires all travel and other expenses incurred by appointed council members be reimbursed. The travel reimbursement costs are estimated at \$19,692 per biennium.

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.*

With no exploration happening at this time, no permits are expected to be filed. Therefore, no revenue is anticipated at this time.

- 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.*

Expenditures are for travel reimbursement for the advisory council. There would be a maximum of seven people from outside of Bismarck. The expenses are estimated as follows:

Mileage: \$0.58/mile @ 560 miles x 7 people = \$2,274

Lodging: \$84.60 + \$6.77 (tax) x 7 people = \$640

Per diem: \$35.00 + \$17.50 x 7 people = \$368

Estimated total cost per meeting: \$3,282

Cost per biennium (6 meetings): \$19,692

- 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The Geological Survey expenditures for the increased costs in travel expenses mentioned in 3B total \$19,692. Until the high-level radioactive waste fund has revenue, the travel costs will be general fund expenses, which are not included in the appropriation budget.

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