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FISCAL NOTE

Prepared in regard to:

Senate Bill No. 2122

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Amendment to:

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REQUESTED BY: Legislative Council DATE OF RECEIPT 19

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal. If additional space is needed attach a supplementary sheet. Please type.

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Date of preparation: 1-7-71

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The fiscal impact which may be generated through the enactment of Senate Bill 2122, can at very best be placed as a "ball park estimate." This we will attempt to project as the impact relates to the various sections of the Bill.

As a general observation, it would be our opinion that the added administrative, management and reporting requirements could be handled within the framework of the executive budget recommendations for 1971-73. We do anticipate an increase in revenue at the Grafton State School and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, however, we do not feel competent in placing a dollar amount on such revenue at this time.

The proposed program of billing for patient care on a monthly basis rather than a quarterly basis, has, and will continue to present a fiscal impact. This procedure will be performed within the framework of the central computer system and will cost an estimated \$100 to \$150 per month. These costs are provided for within the executive budget recommendations.

The major area of neglect within the entire collection program would have to be the filing of claims against the estates of deceased patients and the estates of responsible relatives. We feel that substantial revenues could be generated for the State of North Dakota through efficient handling of the estate program. To accomplish this, it is an absolute necessity that a full time position be established to maintain coordination between the county courts, the individual institution and the supervising agency. An appropriation of some \$15,00 per year, for salary and travel expense, would be repaid and provide substantial dividends to the state with efficient operation of this program. We would urge this appropriation in connection with the passage of Senate Bill 2122.