

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1388 Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: Legislative Council Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Please estimate the fiscal impact of the above measure for:

State general or special funds  Counties  Cities

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of this measure:

Narrative:

HB 1388, if passed, would end all thunderstorm research in North Dakota, resulting in direct losses to the University of North Dakota of more than \$600,000 per year. Termination of this research would also result in an economic loss in 1989 on the order of \$1,000,000 to the Bismarck-Mandan area, the site for the North Dakota Thunderstorm Project research program.

HB 1388 would also stop all evaluation and recordkeeping of weather modification activities, and end application of safeguards designed to protect the environment and public safety.

Because recordkeeping would end, the Board would be unable to monitor the licensing and permitting of weather modification activities.

This proposed change in the law is contrary to the intent of the 1979 Legislative Council Agriculture Committee study and recommendations.

State Fiscal Effect:

<u>1989-90</u>		<u>1990-91</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>
(150,000)	(1,500,000)	(150,000)	(1,500,000)	(300,000)	(3,000,000)

County and City Fiscal Effect:

<u>1989-90</u>		<u>1990-91</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>
150,000	(1,000,000)	150,000	-0-	300,000	(1,000,000)

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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