



**NARRATIVE FOR HB1062 FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1062 provides for mandatory minimum prison sentences for drug offenses, excluding all marijuana and possession offenses. Detailed statistics relating to drug offenders sentenced during 1991 and 1992 were utilized to prepare this fiscal note. The fiscal impact under HB1062 results both from offenders receiving mandatory prison sentences who otherwise would have received probation and from offenders receiving longer mandatory prison sentences under HB1062 than the prison sentences that are currently given in certain cases.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 1994. Also, the courts estimate that it takes at least six months from the time that an offender is arrested until he/she is sentenced. Therefore, during the 1993-95 biennium HB1062's fiscal impact is limited to the last six month period.

Current prison bed space is adequate through the 1995-97 biennium under HB1062 since the recent completion of the replacement dormitory at the Missouri River Correctional Center provided 45 additional bed spaces. However, additional beds would be required after the 1995-97 biennium. This is caused primarily from the cumulative affect of inmates receiving longer prison sentences under HB1062 than what inmates are currently receiving.

The 1993-95 Penitentiary budget is based on housing 560 inmates which is its current population. Therefore, housing additional inmates would result in the Penitentiary incurring additional variable costs per inmate for food, medical care, clothes, inmate pay, and other miscellaneous supplies totalling approximately \$210 per month per inmate. The fiscal note is based upon the following data:

<u>1993-95 Biennium</u>	<u>Additional Inmates Requiring Bed Spaces Under HB1062</u>	<u>Cost<sup>1</sup></u>
January 1, 1995 - June 30, 1995	8	\$ <u>7,560</u>
 <u>1995-97 Biennium</u>		
July 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995	18	\$ 19,530
January 1, 1996 - June 30, 1996	21	\$ 39,060
July 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996	23	\$ 52,920
January 1, 1997 - June 30, 1997	28	\$ <u>71,820</u>
	Total Cost 1995-97	\$ <u>183,330</u>

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<sup>1</sup>The cost is based upon the length of sentence for each inmate during the biennium as well as the phasing in of new inmates affected during each six month period.