

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: SB2107 Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 12-28-94

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, and cities.

Narrative:

-----see attached-----

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	<u>1993-95</u> <u>Biennium</u>		<u>1995-97</u> <u>Biennium</u>		<u>1997-99</u> <u>Biennium</u>	
	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures:	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1993-95 biennium: none

b. For the 1995-97 biennium: none

c. For the 1997-99 biennium: none

4. County and City fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	<u>1993-95</u> <u>Biennium</u>		<u>1995-97</u> <u>Biennium</u>		<u>1997-99</u> <u>Biennium</u>	
	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>
	0	0	0	0	0	0

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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The Small Operator Assistance Program, if amended by SB 2107, would require reimbursement from a small (surface coal mine) operator of the cost of services and/or training he or she received in connection with a mining permit application in the event his or her annual coal production exceeds the threshold of 300,000 tons following permit approval. The dollars to pay for those services come upon request from the Department of the Interior as a separate and special grant. Those dollars are Federal dollars and in the event reimbursement is required those dollars would be returned to the Department of the Interior rather than to the State's General Fund. SB 2107 would close a highly speculative loophole, since there are no small operators in the North Dakota coal industry and none are expected in the foreseeable future.