

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1261 Amendment to: _____
Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: January 15, 1997

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

Narrative:

(see attached)

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

<u>1995-97</u>		<u>1997-99</u>		<u>1999-2001</u>	
<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>	
<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>

Revenues:

Expenditures:

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

a. For rest of 1995-97 biennium: _____

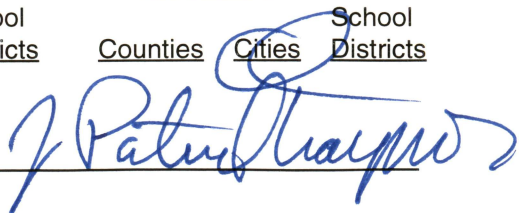
b. For the 1997-99 biennium: _____

c. For the 1999-2001 biennium: _____

4. County, City and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

<u>1995-97</u>			<u>1997-99</u>			<u>1999-2001</u>		
<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>		
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School</u>
		<u>Districts</u>			<u>Districts</u>			<u>Districts</u>

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed 

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NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU
1997 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL DESCRIPTION: Aggravation

BILL NO: HB 1261

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: The Workers Compensation Bureau, together with its Actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, have reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Clarifies the language to provide for a streamlining of claims processing. Reduces uncertainty and delay by providing a standard sixty day acute care period during which benefits are paid in full.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. Provides for more efficient and effective claims processing. Reduces uncertainty and delay by providing aggravation benefits paid at fifty percent unless a greater or lesser percent is proven by clear and convincing evidence. Period of one hundred percent coverage will be longer for most claimants which will serve to increase costs. Streamlining of claims processing will serve to reduce costs associated with delays, such as administrative costs, attorney costs, etc.