

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to: House Bill 1263  
Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: February 17, 1996

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:

1995-97 <u>Biennium</u>		1997-99 <u>Biennium</u>		1999-2001 <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:

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:

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

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attach a supplemental sheet.

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NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU  
1997 LEGISLATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

**BILL DESCRIPTION:** Fraud

**BILL NO:** HB 1263

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

*Provides for the exchange of information, without charge, between the workers' compensation fraud unit and the attorney general's bureau of criminal investigation and other fraud investigatory agencies. Clarifies the duties of the fraud unit and the acts that may lead to penalties. Also provides for the possibility of discretionary amnesty periods with no more than one per year. Amnesty period cannot exceed sixty days. Provides for rewards not to exceed five thousand dollars annually to any person providing information that leads to the successful prosecution of fraud.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not quantifiable. Reduces administrative costs by disallowing another agency from billing the Bureau for services not charged to other agencies. Amnesty period and rewards offer incentives to report fraud, resulting in additional savings on cases that would otherwise not be discovered.

**AMENDMENT:** Proposed amendment removes language allowing the Bureau to provide rewards for workers compensation fraud; removes language exempting the Bureau from being charged fees for record checks; and adds the word deceptive to the type of conduct that misrepresents a person's disability.

No significant impact is anticipated.

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