

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: _____ Amendment to: House Bill 1264
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:

<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.

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NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU
1997 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL DESCRIPTION: Disability (Wage-Loss), Inmates exclusion, Partial benefits.

BILL NO: HB 1264

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 language consistency among the disability statutes. Will not allow for the payment of disability benefits to inmates confined to penal institutions in excess of seventy two hours. Allows for payment of pre-acceptance disability benefits to speed payment to injured workers. Requires an injured worker to report work and other activities, whether for pay or not. Allows payment of temporary partial disability beyond the present five-year limitation for injured workers able to work only part-time.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. Pre-acceptance benefits will serve to increase benefits for some injured workers and serve to reduce costs associated with delays for others (i.e. attorney fees). Extends benefits for injured workers receiving TPD with long term restrictions by waiving the five year cap at the Bureau's discretion.

AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment clarifies the period of confinement resulting in a suspension of benefits for confined claimants; defines work.

No significant impact anticipated.

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