

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: _____ Amendment to: House Bill 1270
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> | |
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| <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> | | |
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| <u>Biennium</u> | | | <u>Biennium</u> | | | <u>Biennium</u> | | |
| <u>Counties</u> | <u>Cities</u> | <u>School Districts</u> | <u>Counties</u> | <u>Cities</u> | <u>School Districts</u> | <u>Counties</u> | <u>Cities</u> | <u>School 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: Initial Decision, Process and Procedure, and Worker's Adviser Program

BILL NO: HB 1270

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.

Streamlines the decision-making process to allow quicker adjudication of claims and notices of decision. Clarifies the procedure for an injured worker to follow when disputing a claims decision.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. Will serve to reduce litigation and improve operational effectiveness and efficiency.

AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment allows the Bureau to issue a notice of decision, instead of a legal order, reversing a previous decision in some instances. Will serve to increase timeliness in issuing decisions.

No significant impact is anticipated.

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