

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2381 Amendment to: _____
Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: January 29, 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.

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NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU
1997 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL DESCRIPTION: Employees opting out of Workers Compensation Coverage.

BILL NO: SB 2381

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.

Proposed bill provides for employees to opt out of workers compensation coverage, if they submit a written request prior to any injury or occurrence of any occupational disease to their employer, who in turn submits a notice to the Bureau.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. Will serve to decrease premium collections but increase administrative costs. May serve to increase litigation and claim costs for claims involving prior injuries for those claimants that have selected to opt out.

Will create a burden for employers requiring them to carry additional liability policies. It is anticipated claimants opting out will be more inclined to file or manipulate a claim to possibly pursue tort action.