

# FISCAL NOTE

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Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to: HB1252  
 Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 2-24-99

- Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts. Please provide breakdowns, if appropriate, showing salaries and wages, operating expenses, equipment, or other details to assist in the budget process. In a word processing format, add lines or space as needed or attach a supplemental sheet to adequately address the fiscal impact of the measure.

**Narrative:** The engrossed bill would allow the sale in North Dakota of agricultural chemicals registered and approved for use in Canada. The sale and use of such products, if not registered with the Environmental Protection Agency, would still be in violation of federal pesticide laws. The Department of Agriculture currently enforces federal pesticide laws under an agreement with EPA.

This would also require the Commissioner of Agriculture to take actions against chemical manufacturers that sell agricultural chemicals in North Dakota at prices greater than those charged in Canadian provinces bordering the state. Investigating and prosecuting such price inequities would take the staff time of two FTE's and require additional operating funds to conduct investigations and to prosecute violations. We estimate that these costs would be approximately \$160,000 for the biennium and that they would NOT be eligible for federal funding.

- State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$160,000			

- What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:

- For rest of 1997-99 biennium:  
(Indicate the portion of this amount included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
- For the 1999-2001 biennium: \$160,000 (\$0)  
(Indicate the portion of this amount included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
- For the 2001-03 biennium:

- County, city, and school district fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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