

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: _____ Amendment to: Eng. HB1252 Conf. Com.
 Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 4-12-99

1. 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 require the commissioner of agriculture, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency, to use tolerance data established or obtained in North America in the pursuit of special local needs exemptions for crop protection products. It also requires the commissioner to work with appropriate public and private entities to foster development of joint labeling processes for crop protection products and report progress at least twice during the to the legislative council. It requires the agriculture commissioner to petition the EPA for American registration of crop protection products approved for use in Canada.

It has not been determined whether the 24c-registration process under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act could be used to register products not registered in the U.S. If this process proves workable, 1 FTE (\$80,000) would be required plus operating funds to enter into contracts with experts to assist in preparation of 24c packages (\$45,000) and travel to consult with chemical companies (\$21,000). It is assumed that Section 4 does not mean that the State of North Dakota would become the registrant of a product. The costs for the state to become a registrant are potentially enormous and would likely include compensation for registration data and registration fees. State liability issues are also unresolved.

Fostering the development of a joint labeling process would require staff to participate in NAFTA Technical working group public sessions involved with pesticide harmonization (\$3,000)

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	\$100	\$500	\$950	\$4,750	0	0
Expenditures	0	\$15,000	0	\$134,000	0	0

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

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: \$15,000 (\$0)
(Indicate the portion of this amount included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: \$134,000 (\$0)
(Indicate the portion of this amount included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: \$0 (\$0)

3. 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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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