

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1331 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-13-99

- 1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

See attached.

- 2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds

Revenues:

Expenditures:

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

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: _____
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: _____
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: _____

- 4. 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

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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***NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU
1999 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION***

BILL DESCRIPTION: **Exception to Employer Immunity; Employer Fraud**

BILL NO: **HB 1331**

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: The Workers Compensation Bureau, with the assistance of 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.

The proposed legislation clarifies that employers may be sued for a work injury caused by an intentional act done with the conscious purpose of inflicting the injury; makes an employer's willful failure to secure coverage for employees a felony when the amount exceeds \$500; and provides for a continuing appropriation for investigating employer and provider fraud and requires those expenditures to be examined in the biennial independent performance audit of the Bureau.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. It is anticipated the return on investment will more than offset the expenditures incurred from the investigation of employer and provider fraud. Since inception of the Fraud Unit, the Bureau has saved nearly \$5.00 for every dollar spent on fraud investigations.

DATE: **1-17-99**