

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1332 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:

Table with 8 columns: 1997-99 Biennium (General Fund, Special Funds), 1999-2001 Biennium (General Fund, Special Funds), 2001-03 Biennium (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:

Table with 9 columns: 1997-99 Biennium (Counties, Cities, School Districts), 1999-2001 Biennium (Counties, Cities, School Districts), 2001-03 Biennium (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: **Definitions and Disability Benefits for Seasonal Workers**

BILL NO: HB 1332

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 is intended to increase disability benefits for future claims by seasonal workers by changing the benefit rate calculation for the first 28 consecutive days of disability; clarifies the requirement that injured workers cooperate with medical treatment and examinations; clarifies the coverage exclusion for mental injuries from mental causes; and clarifies optional coverage for an employer's spouse or child.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. The proposed bill may result in disability benefit increases for new injury claims filed by seasonal workers for the first 28 days of disability, however, no significant impact is anticipated.

DATE: 1-17-99