

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1335 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. Please provide breakdowns, if appropriate, showing salaries and wages, operating expenses, equipment, or other details to assist in the budget process.

Narrative: This bill would likely require the Department of Agriculture to process sanitary certificates for shipments of agricultural products from another country into the state or through the state from another country or state. Data from the U.S. Customs Office indicates that 38,710 truckloads of agricultural products came into North Dakota last year from Canada. The costs of processing sanitary certificates is estimated at \$2.00 per certificate. Assuming 38,000 certificates, this would result in processing costs of \$76,000 per year for agricultural products coming into North Dakota from another country. The department has no information to base an estimation on the amount of agricultural products moving through the state, therefore, the number of truckloads passing through North Dakota is assumed to be one-half the amount coming from another country. The total costs would then be \$114,000 per year or \$228,000 per biennium in state general fund dollars. These figures are based on the assumption that U.S. Customs would forward certificates to the Department of Agriculture for every truckload passing through the border and personnel at the department would inspect and process the certificates.

Salaries and benefits: \$180,000 This includes three FTE's.
 Operating : \$40,000 (Phone \$7,200) (Facsimiles \$2,500) (Lease of office space \$5,000) (Network \$4,000)
 (Supplies \$2,500) (Random inspections -travel, lodging, per diem \$11,000) (Random sampling -
 {analysis costs only} \$7,800)
 Equipment : \$8,000. (Computers, facsimile)

2. 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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$228,000	\$0	\$228,000	\$0

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:
 - a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: \$0
 - b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: (\$228,000). None of this amount is included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
 - c. For the 2001-03 biennium: (\$228,000).

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
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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