

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: _____ Amendment to: SB 2214

Requested by Legislative Council _____ Date of Request: 2-1-99

- 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: **Disability Benefits and Supplementary Benefits**

BILL NO: SB 2214

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 increases the maximum disability benefit from 100% to 110% of the state's average weekly wage; shortens the waiting period for supplementary benefit eligibility from 10 years to 7 years; requires the Bureau to conduct a study of its benefit structure for long-term disability and death benefit recipients; and clarifies work and earnings reporting requirements for claimants receiving disability benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Rate Level Impact: The proposed legislation will generate an increase in the rate level for F/Y 1999-00 of approximately **2.0%-2.5%** from the level that would otherwise be required. Approximately two-thirds of the change can be attributed to the proposed increase in the maximum time loss benefit and the remainder of the change can be attributed to the reduction in the supplemental benefit waiting period.

Reserve Level Impact: Anticipate no reserve level impact as this bill is designed to apply prospectively.

AMENDMENT: The amendment clarifies the caps on benefit rates for partial disability.

The proposed amendment results in no change to the fiscal impact for the bill as introduced.

DATE: 2-1-99