

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to: SB 2342

Requested by Legislative Council \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request: 2-5-99

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:** Permanent Partial Impairment

**BILL NO:** SB 2342 w/ Amendment

**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.

**AMENDMENT:** The proposed amendment changes the impairment threshold required for permanent partial impairment award eligibility from 6% to 11% and changes the number of weeks awarded for impairments falling between 10% and 30%. The remainder of the schedule stays intact.

**Rate Level Impact:** The bill with the proposed amendment will generate an increase in the rate level of approximately **2.0%** from the level that would otherwise be required.

**Reserve Level Impact:** Should the proposed law be intended to apply to impairment evaluations determined after the effective date of legislation, this benefit change will increase required reserve levels for injuries occurring prior to the effective date of the law. The actuary's calculations suggest that the increase in discounted reserves could fall in a range between **\$8 and \$10 million** dollars.

**DATE:** 2-3-99