FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
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Bill/Resolution No.:   HB 1276

1A.   State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	$0	$0	$294,240	$0	$0
Appropriations	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

1B.   County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

2A.   Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB 1276 provides for 3 separate changes to the unemployment insurance system. The change associated with this fiscal note relates to section 1, the addition of an alternate base period in North Dakota.

B.   Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Programming changes are associated with Section 1, number 3, and provide the basis for the fiscal impact of this bill.

3.   State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*
A.   Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

None

B.   Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

FTE counts will not be impacted. Expenditures will relate to mainframe programming necessary to implement the alternative base period outlined within Section 1 of the bill.

C.   Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

No funding is available to Job Service to implement the necessary programming associated with the changes outlined within this bill. Additionally, no appropriation of state general funds was requested by Job Service. As a federally funded agency, Job Service is limited in the funding received, and would need to request to receive an appropriation of funds in order to complete the changes required by the bill if it were passed.

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HB 1276 - Alternate Base Period

Summary:

The following describes a scope of work and provides a cost estimate for incorporating an alternate base period in the monetary processing for Claimants.

Assumptions:
- The alternate base period only applies to ineligible claims.
- FileNet charges are covered by the UI area.

Scope of work to be done:
- Analysis – **80 Hours**

- Design – **80 Hours**

- Coding and Unit Testing – **832 Hours**
    - Monetary – **81 Hours**
        - Notices – 56 Hours
        - Calculations – 24 Hours
        - Audit Trail Changes – 1 Hour

    - Recon – **49 Hours**
        - Notices – 16 Hours
        - Calculations – 32 Hours
        - Audit Trail Changes – 1 Hour

    - Wages - **72 Hours**
        - Add the ability to update lag quarter wages to all wage maintenance programs – 40 Hours
            - Mainframe Entry (JW200, JW210, JW230)
        - Web Services
            - Update claimant's wage record taking into consideration manual entries done in previous bullet - 16 Hours
        - Update programs that receive contribution and wage reports to handle wages that are already on file (diskettes and secureFTP) - 16 Hours

    - Database and Design – **8 Hours**
        - New dataset to store lag quarter employer information

- Claim – **376 Hours**
  - Employer Notices – 16 Hours
  - Ability to maintain lag quarter employers (new mainframe screen) – 64 Hours
  - Change claim processing so claim doesn't run through alternate base period monetary until all requested wages are received - 32 Hours
  - Remove last and most recent employer from the claim dataset and store them in a new dataset (21 Objects) - 264 Hours

- Reporting Requirements – **24 Hours**
  - Add an alternate base period field on the stat record dataset (RR30A) – 4 Hours
  - Federal Reports – 4 Hours
    - UI9049 (results of a claimant's profile)
    - Base period calculations
  - Change stat record downloads – 16 Hours
    - JBQ95
    - RR30A

- Update wage inquiry to include the alternate base period (JW500) – **16 hours**
  - Display base period
  - Show monetary calculated with the base period used

- IVR Research – **4 Hours**
  - Review employment questions to make sure the verbiage is still applicable

- New Letter to employer and Follow-up Letter after 10 days - **134 Hours**
  - Wappapello changes – 2 Hours
  - Workflow changes or additions - 80 hours
  - New Overlay – 4 Hours
  - New Report or changes to Employer Notice program – 48 Hours

- UI ICE Changes – **20 Hours**
  - Calculations of base period - 12 Hours
  - New web service to store lag quarter employer information – 8 Hours

- Purge – **16 Hours**

- ▪ Add new dataset

  - o UI EASY Changes – **32 Hours**
    - ▪ Make changes to UI EASY so that employers can enter individual wages without a contribution report – 24 Hours
    - ▪ New Web Services – 8 Hours

- • System Testing – **80 Hours**

Total Programmer/Analyst Hours - 1072

This estimate includes project management, business analysis, and test coordination in addition to programming and analysis but does not include the users' time for user acceptance testing.

Programmer/Analyst - 1072 Hours
Project Manager – 536 Hours
Test Coordinator – 804 Hours
Release Manager – 40 Hours

Cost: *2452* hours x $100.00/hour + 20% contingency = **$294,240**