FISCAL NOTE
SENATE BILL NO. 2106
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1 - 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.

	2023-2025 Biennium		2025-2027 Biennium		2027-2029 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues			$(200)	$(559,690)		
Expenditures				$(443,690)		
Appropriations						

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2023-2025 Biennium	2025-2027 Biennium	2027-2029 Biennium
Counties		$(532,961)	
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships		$(26,729)	

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

SB 2106 removes the authority of the ND ARB, restricts the SWC authority as it relates to the statewide water development program and its ability to provide funding for the program, to the priorities identified in Section 61-02.1-02.1 and restricts it from providing funding for weather modification.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

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.

Section 2 and 4 removes the authority for electors and Water Resource Boards to expend funds for weather modification which reduces county expenditures and State revenue by $559,690. Section 3 restricts the State Water Commission from expending funds for weather modification, however expenditures will not be reduced as these funds would be utilized for water projects other than weather modification. Expenditures include the cost to

dismantle the Stanley radar, transport equipment for surplus, and demolish the building, estimated at $120,000. Section 6 repeals Chapter 61-04.1 relating to weather modification eliminating all related licensing and permitting requirements and will result in a reduction in revenue to the state of $200.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

Section 6 repeals Chapter 61-04.1 relating to weather modification eliminating all related licensing and permitting requirements and will result in a reduction in revenue to the state of $200, General Fund. SB 2106 removes the authority for electors and Water Resource Boards to conduct weather modification activity, to collect revenues related to such activity, and provides for a penalty for conducting such activity, which would be a $559,690 reduction in revenue from counties and townships.

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

SB 2106 removes the authority for electors and Water Resource Boards to conduct weather modification activity and to collect revenues related to such activity. Expenditures reduction will match reduction in revenue of $559,690, reduction of expenditures for the ND Atmospheric Resource Board member pay of $2,300 and travel $1,700, plus the addition of costs to dismantle and demolish the Stanley radar of $120,000. Weather modification does receive funding from the DWR's cost-share program in the amount of $288,325, however these funds will continue to be expended for other water projects in place of the weather modification program resulting in a net reduction of $0 for expenditures of the cost-share program.

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

There is no appropriation in the bill.

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