

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1256

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.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,307	\$0	\$42,307
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,307	\$0	\$45,307
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Any fiscal impact due to HB 1256 will affect only the North Dakota State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The ND State Board of Registration operates on revenues collected from registered professional engineers and registered land surveyors and does not receive any General Fund monies.

Section 1. of HB 1256, which is a proposal to create a new subsection allowing for a retired status of licensure, will result in a decrease in expected revenues. It is anticipated that the registration fee for a retired status of license will be significantly less than an active license. However, this will impact on a small number of license holders and the overall effect on the total Board revenues will be minimal.

Section 2. of HB 1256, which is an amendment to the existing engineering registration laws, will have no fiscal impact.

Section 3. of HB 1256, which is a new subsection to the existing engineering registration laws, will have no fiscal impact.

Section 4. of HB 1256, which is a new subsection to the existing engineering registration laws, will have no fiscal impact.

Section 5. of HB 1256, which is a new section to the engineering registration laws, will have a fiscal impact on both revenues and expenditures. The Board is anticipating that a fee appropriate only to cover costs will be assessed. Therefore, the overall effect on the Board's current operating funds will be minimal.

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.*

Section 1. of HB 1256 will affect approximately 75 registrants each biennium. The Board is anticipating a retired status registration fee of \$40.00 per biennium, or \$20.00 a year. This will affect revenues by an approximate reduction of \$3,000.00 per biennium.

Section 5. of HB 1256 will have both expenditures and revenues associated with it. The Board anticipates the cost to develop forms, administer, and audit continuing education for its 2,589 registrants will be approximately \$15.00 to \$20.00 per registrant per biennium. This figure is based on costs currently incurred by licensing boards both in North Dakota and in other jurisdictions who administer continuing education programs. Because the Board will assess only its direct costs, the revenues and costs will be the same. The total fiscal impact for both revenues and expenditures will be \$38,835.00 to \$51,780.00 per biennium.

The above revenues and expenditures affect only the North Dakota State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and will not affect the General Fund and none of these amounts are included in the executive budget.

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.*

Section 5. of HB 1256 will have estimated expenditures of \$38,835.00 to \$51,780.00 per biennium. These expenditures affect only the North Dakota State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. No FTE positions will be affected.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The State Board of Registration does not receive any general fund monies nor is its budget contained in the executive budget.

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