

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/18/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2297

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.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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).*

Relating to doctor selection process for workers compensation independent medical examinations.

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.*

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE
2007 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: SB 2297

BILL DESCRIPTION: IME Doctor Selection

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with 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 requires WSI to select a doctor for an independent medical examination from a list of three doctors provided by the State Board of Medical Examiners; requires the State Board of Medical Examiners to give preference to in-state doctors unless the employee expresses a preference for an out-of-state doctor; and at the employee's request requires WSI to pay the costs of a register nurse to be present at the examination.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. Independent Medical Examinations (IMEs) are requested sparingly and in only a limited number of cases. To the extent the proposed IME doctor selection process results in lengthened claim processing timeframes and potentially limit willing, qualified doctors that would otherwise be eligible, it may result in increased costs associated with these claims. Given the relatively few cases where IMEs are utilized, we would not anticipate the proposal having a material impact on statewide premium rate and reserve levels.

DATE: January 20, 2007

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.*

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.*

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.*

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