

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/26/2015**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2354

- 1 A. **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.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures				\$145,000		
Appropriations						

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

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

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

Section 17 of SB 2354 mandates the State Board of Dental Examiners develop and use an evaluation process that focuses on assessing the impact of advanced practice dental hygienists and focuses on specified outcome measures.

- 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.*

Fiscal Impact of Section 17. STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS STUDY - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - REPORT TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE.

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$145,000 which would likely necessitate a license and registration fee increase for all dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants, which provide the Board's primary source of revenue to meet budgetary requirements. Obtaining detailed patient information pertaining to insurance coverage, reimbursement, shortage areas, patient wait times etc., and reporting the effectiveness of the practitioners, in addition to surveys, postage and mailing, consumable supply costs and any travel expenses are among the cost drivers. In order to achieve accurate information it will be critical to work with the advanced dental hygiene practitioners to construct a means obtaining timely details in order to produce a report for the 2015-16 and 2017-18 interims. The NDSBDE employs one full time executive director and a part time administrative assistant. Consultants would be required to execute the project. Many costs are unknown and are conditional upon the location of the practitioners, numbers of patients served and amounts of care delivered. Specialized services, computer services, analysis or other direct or indirect costs associated with a proposed study must also be considered. In September of 2014, the University of Minnesota's Dean Dr. Leon Assael stated that gathering of data related to dental therapists in Minnesota has not provided a clear picture of efficacy due to the small numbers of practitioners (27) and the small data samples collected. Although the estimated cost burden would reflect a smaller number of practitioners studied, cost effectiveness and overall impact of the advanced dental hygiene practitioners is the mandated focus of Section 17 therefore it is reasonable to assume the same procedures would be required to complete such a study.

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.*

No revenue would be provided by SB 2354.

- 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.*

The estimate is based upon discussion and recommendation of Dr. Shawnda Schroeder. Dr. Shroeder was the Project Director of the Center for Rural Health's report, North Dakota Oral Health Report: Needs and Proposed Models, 2014. The Center for Rural Health's report included assessing the existing oral health workforce and service capacity, assessing the potential unmet need for oral health care, and producing a written report of needs, outcomes, and findings was presented to the Health Services Interim Committee. The cost was \$145,000. The estimated expenditure is also based upon costs of \$137,000 incurred by the MN Board of Dentistry study which mirrors the mandated report in SB 2354.

- 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

SB 2354 does not affect appropriation.

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