

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/18/2021**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2252

- 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.*

	2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				\$34,200		\$34,200
<b>Expenditures</b>				\$12,300		\$480
<b>Appropriations</b>				\$12,300		\$480

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

	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 Biennium
<b>Counties</b>		\$0	\$0
<b>Cities</b>			
<b>School Districts</b>			
<b>Townships</b>			

- 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).*

SB 2252 introduces a new section to NDCC Chapter 23-09 relating to the regulation of purified water dispensers including onsite quality testing.

- 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.*

Section 1 relates to the administration of a new license type for operators and dispensing units requiring configuration of the department's information management system, testing equipment, along with water system operator and inspector training.

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.*

It is estimated there are 10 water dispenser operators in the state with 5 operating in areas under the jurisdiction of the ND Department of Health. The remaining 5 would be operating in local city or county health jurisdictions. There are approximately 950 licensed retail food/grocery stores and the Department has jurisdiction over 560 with the remaining covered by local public health units.

Consistent with other inspections, the Department would anticipate charging a \$60 annual licensing fee of each water dispenser operator generating \$600 a biennium plus a \$30 annual per unit fee estimated to generate \$33,600 for a total biennium revenue of \$34,200.

Annual renewal fees are required to maintain active status and must cover plan review, technical assistance, investigations, complaints, and follow up activities.

Consistent with current practices, the assumption is that the local city or county jurisdictions would be able to charge fees necessary to cover their costs resulting in a net fiscal impact of \$0.

- 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 costs for the biennium are estimated to be \$12,330 and includes the following assumptions:

Chlorine meters: \$550 for each of the 7 Department field offices = \$3,850

Configuration of current department information management system: \$125 @ 40 hours = \$5,000

Administrative Rules Hearing public notice costs: \$3,000

Annual operator/ staff training: \$240 per year / \$480 per biennium (\$20 @ (5 operators + 7 (existing) inspection staff)

While there will be staff costs associated with the work effort, these expenditures are currently covered by a general fund appropriation and can be offset by fees collected.

- 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.*

Special Fund authority would be needed to reflect the additional costs.

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