

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF ITEMS CONSIDERED
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION COMMISSION -
MAY 5, 2004, MEETING**

Summary	Estimated 2003-05 Biennium Fiscal Impact		Estimated 2005-07 Biennium Fiscal Impact	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Amend North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-03-02 to increase the maximum lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions from \$650 per month to \$900 per month	\$0 ¹	\$0 ¹	\$125,000	\$0
Amend NDCC Section 54-03-02 to increase the maximum lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions from \$650 per month to \$900 per month for motels and \$750 per month for private residences	\$0 ¹	\$0 ¹	\$98,000 ²	\$0
Amend NDCC Section 54-06-09 to increase the state mileage reimbursement rate from 31 to 35 cents per mile	\$0 ¹	\$0 ¹	\$130,802 ³	\$109,834 ³
Amend NDCC Section 54-06-09 to increase the state mileage reimbursement rate from 31 to 37.5 cents per mile	\$0 ¹	\$0 ¹	\$212,546 ³	\$178,474 ³
<p>¹A bill to amend NDCC Section 54-03-02 to increase the maximum lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions or a bill to amend Section 54-06-09 to increase the state mileage reimbursement rate will have no fiscal impact for the 2003-05 biennium if enacted without a special clause providing for an effective date, retroactive application, or an emergency. Without such a clause, the bill, if approved by the 59th Legislative Assembly, will take effect on August 1, 2005.</p> <p>²The estimated fiscal impact is based on the number of legislators staying in motels and private residences during the 2001 regular legislative session--80 in motels and 45 in private residences.</p> <p>³The estimated fiscal impact is based on actual in-state mileage reimbursement during the 2001-03 biennium. The estimated fiscal impact is the additional amount that could be spent by all state agencies and institutions if the amount of miles traveled remains unchanged. However, when the state mileage reimbursement rate was increased from 25 to 31 cents per mile by the 2001 Legislative Assembly, executive branch state agency and institution budgets were not increased. Without any budgetary increase to reflect the higher mileage reimbursement rate, state agencies and institutions must reduce the number of miles traveled by state employees using their own vehicles, increase motor pool usage and decrease state employees' use of their own vehicles, or make budget reallocations from other operating expenses object codes. North Dakota Century Code Section 24-02-03.3 requires executive branch agencies to use the central motor pool unless exempted by the director of the Department of Transportation.</p> <p>The estimated biennial fiscal impact for the legislative branch of increasing the state mileage reimbursement rate from 31 to 35 cents per mile is approximately \$66,000, \$31,000 for the Legislative Assembly and \$35,000 for the Legislative Council. The estimated biennial impact for the legislative branch of increasing the rate from 31 to 37.5 cents per mile is approximately \$107,200, \$50,600 for the Legislative Assembly and \$56,600 for the Legislative Council.</p>				