

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
01/17/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1286

Amendment to:

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.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$851,000	\$0	\$851,000
<b>Appropriations</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 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.*

This bill requires inspection of foreign agricultural products, if the products are sold in North Dakota for a lower price than the products are sold for in the foreign country. The inspection fee is to be equal to the price difference between the two countries. We assume that 99% of such products will come from Canada. Prices received for Canadian agricultural products are not available. Therefore, we are unable to determine which products are to be inspected nor are we able to determine an inspection fee. We have estimated the cost of inspections, should price information become available.

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.*

We are unable to project revenues for these inspections because Canadian agricultural product price information is not available.

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.*

We estimate that the inspections will require staff or contracted inspection services equivalent to ten FTE's to cover eighteen points of entry in ND (three at twenty-four hours per day and fifteen at thirteen hours per day). Salaries and operating expenses were calculated as follows:

Salaries and benefits: \$600,000

Operating: \$223,000

Equipment \$28,000

**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.*

None of the revenues, expenditures or appropriations are included in the commissioner of agriculture appropriation bill, HB1009.

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