

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
01/14/2005

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1372

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.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 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.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE  
2005 LEGISLATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL DESCRIPTION: Job search and placement services

BILL NO: HB 1372

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 creates a new section relating to workers' compensation rehabilitation services for job search and placement.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown and not quantifiable. If the intent of the legislation is to ensure ongoing disability payments until actual job placement occurs upon completion of vocational rehabilitation program, the proposed legislation could have a significant impact on premium levels. Currently, injured workers completing rehabilitation programs other than retraining are eligible for up to 5 year partial benefits based on their earnings potential. Injured workers completing retraining programs are eligible for up to 1 year partial benefits, including up to two months of job search benefits, based on their earnings potential at the completion of retraining. To the extent the proposed legislation is aimed at removing these expectations, there will exist less of an incentive for a successful return to work.

DATE: January 24, 2005

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, 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.*

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