

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/22/2004

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1119

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: Drug Testing

BILL NO: HB 1119

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 provides WSI the opportunity to test injured workers where drug misuse or abuse is suspected. Workforce Safety and Insurance's ability to test an injured worker for the presence of an illegal substance or the absence of a prescribed substance is necessary for the organization to effectively medically manage claims and to facilitate an injured workers rehabilitation and return to work. When WSI has information that a substance is being abused, the ability to determine the accuracy of those suspicions is critical to affirmatively getting the injured worker the services they need to move their medical and vocational status forward.

FISCAL IMPACT: No significant quantifiable impact is anticipated. The drug testing provision may serve to expedite recovery and earlier returns to work in certain cases, resulting in some savings for those individual cases. To the extent savings occur, it will be reflected in future premium levels.

DATE: January 3, 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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