FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 01/28/2009

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2435

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.

| | 2007-2009 | Biennium | 2009-2011 | Biennium | 2011-2013 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.

| 2007-2009 Biennium | | 2009-2011 Biennium | | | 2011-2013 Biennium | | | |
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| Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts |
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2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

The proposed legislation makes WSI decisions not to reopen claims under the continuing jurisdiction statute appealable and provides that when certain criteria are met that an application for further review may not be unreasonably denied.

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.

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE 2009 LEGISLATION SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: SB 2435

BILL DESCRIPTION: Continuing Jurisdiction

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 makes WSI decisions not to reopen claims under the continuing jurisdiction statute appealable and provides that when certain criteria are met that an application for further review may not be unreasonably denied.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not quantifiable. We do not have sufficient information to evaluate the impact of the proposed bill. The legislation will likely permit the reopening of claims from prior periods as well as claims arising in future periods. WSI anticipates an increase in both the number of administrative appeals and the administrative and legal related costs associated with those appeals. To the extent that costs increase, rate and reserve levels will increase accordingly.

DATE: January 31, 2009

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, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

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