

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**12/20/2016**

Amendment to: SB 2048

- 1 A. **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.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

see attachment

- 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.*

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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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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**WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE  
2017 LEGISLATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION**

**BILL NO: SB 2048**

**BILL DESCRIPTION: Injured Worker Attorney Fees**

**SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION:** Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuarial firm, Bickerstaff, Whatley, Ryan & Burkhalter Consulting Actuaries, 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 for payment of an injured worker's attorney fees and costs at the level in which they prevailed regardless of whether the organization ultimately prevails.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed bill will serve to increase injured employee attorney fees in limited instances. The proposed bill may also serve to increase the number of cases proceeding to an administrative hearing. Although increases in attorney fees are anticipated in limited instances, we don't see the proposed change having a significant impact to statewide premium rate levels.

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