

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4355-01
BILL NO.: SB 977
SUBJECT: Attorney General; State Departments
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 22, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General, Department of Transportation, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Health, Department of Economic Development, Department of Mental Health, Department of Agriculture, Coordinating Board of Higher Education, Office of Administration, Department of Insurance, Department of Public Safety, Department of Revenue, and Department of Social Services** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** assumed any costs related to the proposed legislation would be negligible and could be absorbed by the department.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** indicated they currently retain lawyers throughout the state to serve as hearing officers on commission actions for permit appeals. In the aggregate, the DNR may spend more than \$100,000 for these services. The amount spent on this activity is dependent on the number of permit appeals the commissions hear. The DNR is unable to determine how many hearings and the associated costs that may arise, but we assume this proposal could result in a procedural change.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposed legislation could have a fiscal impact on small businesses involved in the legal profession.

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DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation requires state agencies to use competitive bidding when contracting for legal services. State agencies shall not enter into a contract that exceeds or can be reasonably expected to exceed \$100,000 without a specific appropriation for that purpose.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture
Office of the Attorney General
Coordinating Board of Higher Education
Office of Administration
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Department of Economic Development
Department of Transportation
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Insurance
Department of Mental Health
Department of Health
Department of Revenue
Department of Social Services
Department of Conservation
Department of Public Safety

NOT RESPONDING: Department of Corrections



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