

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**

DOA-2048 N(R 10/98)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No. / Adm. Rule No.  
 LRB-2140/1 AB 117  
 Amendment No. (If Applicable)

**Subject**

Year 2000 Readiness and Consumer Protection

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

- Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget       Yes  No  
 Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
      Permissive       Mandatory  
 2.  Decrease Costs  
      Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
      Permissive       Mandatory  
 4.  Decrease Revenues  
      Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Unit Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Source Affected**

- GPR       FED       PRO       PRS       SEG       SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations  
 20.115(1)(a)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This proposed bill defines year 2000 readiness and prohibits misrepresentation of the ability of a computing device to process data from the 20th into the 21st century. It gives the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection the ability to demand year 2000 compliance information from sellers of computing devices. This bill also gives consumers a claim against a person making a misrepresentation that causes them harm.

In discussions with the author, the department understands the intent of this bill is, in part, to gather information about specific products and make it readily available to consumers. The department does not currently test and report on specific make and model of consumer goods. Therefore, the department will need project positions to research products and to provide information to consumers. There will also be one-time costs to develop links from DATCP's Web Site to existing manufacturer's Web Sites for details about products and year 2000 compliance.

The department assumes researching the year 2000 readiness of products will take 1.0 FTE project positions. Since many consumers do not have access to the Internet or will ask the department to research products not on the site, the department assumes an increase in calls to the Consumer Protection Hotline as well as calls taking significantly longer than average Consumer Protection calls. This is expected to increase workload by 2.0 LTE positions.

The department currently has a 0.5 FTE Webmaster to maintain the Web Site. This bill would increase Webmaster activity significantly and require a 0.5 FTE Webmaster position.

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**Long - Range Fiscal Implications**

This proposed bill is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2001

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Staff costs:	<b>FY99</b> <b>1.0 FTE - 3 mo.</b>	<b>FY00</b> <b>1.0 FTE - 12 mo.,</b> <b>2.5 FTE 9 mo.</b>	<b>FY01</b> <b>1.0 FTE 9 mo.</b>
Salary	29,448	106,950	37,200
Support	11,021	27,981	4,388
One-time	17,950		
Total	58,419	134,931	41,588

**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

**1999 SESSION**

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect  
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

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**I. One-time Cost or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):**  
\$17,950

II. Annualized Cost:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$ 134,931	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(3.5 FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	27,981	-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$ 134,931</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$ 134,931	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues -	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT**

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$134,931	\$ _____
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ _____	\$ _____

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