

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DVA 2/11/2003

LRB Number	03-1808/1	Introduction Number	SB-1 (JR3)	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Budget Adjustment Bill Companion to 03-1722					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill will:

- 1) Lapse money from the general purpose revenue;
- 2) Decreases segregated fund appropriation (3)(s) and require that moneys be transferred to the general fund.

The department has a very limited GPR budget, especially non-debt service GPR funding. For purposes of this fiscal estimate, it is assumed that this proposal will decrease the departments GPR operating budget by \$35,900. This lapse would reduce the department's largest GPR operations appropriation budget by 5%. The bill includes a provision that allows the agencies the option of submitting an alternative plan for allocating the reductions to other appropriations in the budget to offset the decreased costs from the general purpose revenue.

This bill also requires the department to decrease the Mortgage Loan Repayment Fund (MLRF) operations appropriation by \$223,800 and requires a transfer an equivalently amount of revenue from the MLRF to the General Fund. The assumption of less than five months left in the current fiscal year and a 5 % reduction in the operating budget would reduce benefits and the level of services that veterans will receive.

In the bill section 2(b) states: the secretary of administration may not lapse or transfer money to the general fund from any appropriation that would violate a condition imposed by the federal government on the expenditure of the money or if the lapse would violate the federal or state constitution. The funds in the primary mortgage loan repayment fund consist generally of direct bond proceeds, repayments on mortgages, and investment earnings on proceeds. The great majority of these funds was generated as a result of the issuance of tax-exempt qualified veterans' mortgage bonds under authority of 26 USC sec. 143. Under federal tax law provision, "proceeds" generally includes direct bond proceeds, repayments on mortgages, and investment earnings. Further, the provision limits the expenditure of proceeds to making loans to qualified veterans and other narrowly defined purposes. There is no clear authority to transfer proceeds to the general fund of the state issuing tax-exempt bonds.

In light of the prohibition contained in section 9260 (3)(b) of Senate Bill 1, it is essential that an opinion be secured from bond counsel to evaluate whether the proposed transfer to the general fund would violate 26 USC sec.143.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
One-time budget lapses of \$35,900 GPR and \$223,800 SEG from Fund 583. This bill also requires a one-time transfer of \$223,800 in revenues from Fund 583 to the General Fund.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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