

### Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> <b>03-1585/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-288</b>
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**Subject**  
 Identity theft

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

**Local:**

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<b>5.Types of Local Government Units Affected</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.155 (1)(g)	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

PSC 4/22/2003

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<b>Subject</b>					
Identity theft					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides protection for victims of identity theft who could be denied utility services because of credit issues arising from the theft. The bill creates a affidavit process for the individual to provide information, including police reports, to the utility in the event services are disconnected. If the utility does not accept the affidavit and related information, the individual may petition the PSC to intervene.

The requirements of the bill to insure utility services to victims will not significantly affect either the PSC or local government as it relates to those governments who provide certain basic utility services. The assumption is that there will be very few times where the utility would not accept the affidavit and supporting documentation. Therefore, the PSC will probably be petitioned on a very infrequent basis. Even if there were more than infrequent instances where petitions were forwarded to the Commission, the Commission has staff skilled in working with consumers and the utilities to insure protection of services and to investigate the situation for the Commission.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Minimal impact