



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number <b>03-0518/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-165</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Approximately 4000 veterinarians and veterinarian technicians are currently licensed by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL). This bill provides for each licensed veterinarian and veterinarian technician to meet specific continuing education requirements in order to renew his or her license. DRL would be required to promulgate rules to provide guidelines for administration of the new continuing education program.

The Veterinary Examining Board would establish standards that course providers, instructors, and courses must meet to confirm that they can provide meaningful and effective education. DRL staff would review and approve the course providers, courses, and instructors based on the Board's criteria. Department staff would maintain lists of qualified schools, courses, and instructors, and provide this information to licensees.

Upon receiving license renewal applications, DRL staff would audit for signatures certifying certification of compliance. Incomplete applications would require follow-up in the form of correspondence and/or telephone contacts. To further encourage compliance with continuing education requirements, Boards have historically required random audits of 10% of renewal applications. Licensees unable to provide proof of compliance would require additional follow-up, and potentially, referral to the Division of Enforcement for, investigation, and possible disciplinary action. The fiscal impact is detailed below.

**TOTAL ONE TIME COSTS = \$12,740**

Administrative Rulemaking

\$2,820

(40 hours paralegal @\$27 per hour=\$1,080

20 hours legal counsel @\$51 per hour=\$1,020

20 hours program manager @\$36 per hour=\$720)

Application Forms and Code Book Revisions

\$2,420

(40 hours program assistant @\$17 per hour=\$680

20 hours legal counsel @\$51 per hour=\$1,020

20 hours program manager @\$36 per hour=\$720)

Application Forms and Code Books, Printing and Mailing Costs

\$500

Phone System Modifications

\$2000

(Modifications to Interactive Voice Response System - \$500

Modifications to Automatic Call Distribution System - \$500

One additional ISDN line and phone - \$1000)

Furniture, Hardware, Software for One FTE

\$5000

(\$2500 computer, \$2500 furniture)

ANNUALIZED COSTS = \$39,308

\*Staff Time Required to Administer Continuing Education Program,  
One FTE, Program Assistant 3  
\$35,496

(Review renewal applications for compliance, 50hours

Review and approve course providers, instructors, and courses, 1010 hours

Audit 10% or 400 renewal applications for compliance with continuing education requirements, 470 hours)

Screen, Investigate, and Resolve 5 CE Non-Compliance Cases  
Enforcement Costs

\$2,112

Intake and Screening = =\$468

(18 PA3 hours @\$17 per hour\$306,

3 attorney hour @\$54 per hour=\$162)

Investigation = \$780

(30 investigator hours @\$26 per hour=\$780)

Stipulation/Hearing = \$864

(16 attorney hours @\$54 per hour = =\$864)

Supplies and Materials Associated with one FTE

\$1200

Printing and Postage

\$500

#### ANNUALIZED REVENUE

Revenue would equal the total cost to implement the program responsibilities described above. Increased costs would be passed along to credential holders, resulting in an increase in the fee to obtain the initial credential and the biennial renewal of credentials.

\*For purposes of this fiscal estimate, one FTE has been determined to be the equivalent of 1725 productive hours. Salary calculations include .3892% fringe.

#### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
\$12,740			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$37,608	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		1,700	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$39,308</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS (Gen.)		39,308	
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned		3,931	
FED			
PRO/PRS (Gen.)		35,377	
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$39,308</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$39,308	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$39,308	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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