



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**CTS 2/17/2003**

LRB Number <b>03-0847/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-71</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Threatening use of biological, chemical, or radioactive substances		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill creates a Class I Felony penalty for intentionally making a threat to release a harmful substance knowing that the threat is false, if the threat induces a fear that the person making the threat will release the substance. It also requires the court to assess certain costs incurred by state and local government agencies in responding to the threat.

It is impossible to predict the number of offenses that would occur if this crime is created but it is not expected to be significant. Any additional workload that may result would have to be absorbed by existing court staff. The revenue that would be collected from fines or for costs expended by agencies responding to the threat cannot be predicted with the data available.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**