

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-2517/1	Introduction Number AB-0554
Description Medical use of marijuana, the regulation of marijuana distribution organizations, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, making appropriations, and providing a penalty	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <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	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 11/11/2009

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Prosecutors provided differing responses concerning the potential enactment of this bill. The majority said that it would dramatically increase costs of DA offices because they will be involved in investigating and prosecuting legal marijuana distribution organizations as well as illegal organizations. In addition, the DAs anticipate significant problems with growers, wholesalers, retailers, and the whole delivery system. Most DAs expect that enactment of this bill would cause much more time to be spent on possession cases.

Some DAs believe enactment of the bill would provide savings or not increase their costs because many of those with a prescription card would no longer need to be prosecuted and because the other thorough investigative work would continue to be conducted whether or not this bill is enacted.

Based on differing responses from prosecutors, it is difficult to calculate a fiscal estimate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As stated above, due to differing opinions of DAs, it is difficult to provide an estimate of the long-term fiscal impact of enactment of this law.