



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DOA 6/1/2010**

LRB Number <b>09-4043/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0977</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Assembly Bill (AB) 977 eliminates the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads and transfers many of its functions to the Department of Transportation(DOT). Under the bill, orders issued by DOT would be reviewed by the Division of Hearings and Appeals (DHA) in the Department of Administration. The bill also provides that other functions of the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads having the character of a contested case resolution are transferred to DHA.

DHA anticipates it would need 1.0 FTE attorney hearing examiner and 0.5 FTE legal secretary to assume the current responsibilities of the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads identified in AB 977. DHA also anticipates that recruiting a hearing examiner with sufficient expertise in this area of regulatory law may be difficult and costly. The cost of salary and fringe for the attorney position is based on the salary and cost of the current hearing examiner for railroad and water carrier administrative proceedings. Annual costs for DOA are estimated at \$221,600. DOA would need an increase in appropriation authority in s. 20.505(4)(kp) of \$221,600 and an increase in position authority of 1.5 FTE in the same appropriation.

The cost to local enties is indeterminate because it is unknown how many administrative proceedings those entities may be party to.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Continuing costs as noted above.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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>			
<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	\$199,000	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs	22,600	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$221,600</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS (20.505(4)(kp))	221,600	
	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, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$221,600	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$

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