

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Title: "An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code..." BRU: Information/Data Management  
 Component: Recorder's Office/UCC  
 Sponsor: Rep. Murkowski  
 Requestor: (H) L&C Component No. 802

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)  
 Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	16.5	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS & CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(20.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(12.0)</b>	<b>(9.0)</b>	<b>(6.7)</b>

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	26.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \$ 0.0

### POSITIONS

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

### ANALYSIS:

(Attach a separate page if necessary)

Under HB239, all UCC filings (except fixture filings, timber to be cut and as-extracted collateral) would be filed at the central filing office. Local district offices would continue to accept filings on fixtures, timber to be cut and as-extracted collateral, but all other filings would occur at the central office, simplifying the process immensely for filing officers and secured lenders alike.

The declining revenues shown above represent the decrease attributable to the gradual elimination of dual filings over the transitional period. Decreasing revenues are expected until all filings have transitioned to UCC Central, or lapsed.

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The initial anticipated increase in filings at UCC Central will be 30 to 40 percent per year, with a corresponding decrease at the local district level. After the transition period, the UCC Central volume should stabilize at 150 to 167 percent of its current total. The overall decrease in revenues for the component as a result of the change in filing office is expected to total \$63.7 over the five year transition period. The component regularly generates between \$1 and \$2.5 million in excess of its operating budget annually.

With the expected 50 to 67 per cent increase in UCC Central filings under this bill (approximately 10,000 to 15,000 documents per year), the component estimates that an additional two to two and a half FTE staff would be required in the UCC Central office to process the increased volume. This staffing would be handled via lateral transfers from the larger recording district offices. Little impact would be seen at the remote office sites as they do not currently have large volumes of UCC transactions under the current law. Because the component expects to utilize existing cross-trained employees from larger recording offices to handle the increased filing volume at UCC Central, the fiscal note does not request any new personal services funding to implement this bill. However, because this code revision would result in some major operational changes in the way UCC documents are processed, there are some secondary costs, including programming costs, that have to be considered in the implementation phase.

In order to meet the July 1, 2001 target implementation date, some programming costs would be incurred to implement usage of check digits as required by the bill, to establish a status code, to add a page count to UCC filings, and to facilitate purging of lapsed and terminated filings. This cost is estimated at one month of labor at a cost of \$6,000 in programming time. This expense would need to be incurred during FY01 in order to be ready for the July 1, 2001 target date. Other costs that would be required to implement this bill are related to staff training, user education sessions, notifications to users regarding changes, additional equipment for UCC Central public access library, and preparation and implementation of administrative rules and reporting mechanisms required under HB239. The component estimates a total expense in this area of \$20,000.

One of the goals of the revised UCC is to pave the way toward electronic filing and increased usage of technology in the UCC systems throughout the country. The component has identified costs of \$18,000 in information systems staff time to work toward accepting UCC filings electronically, accept payment for such filings electronically and utilize the national standard forms for electronic filings. An additional \$6,000 in programming time (one man-month) may be needed to update the UCC search programs to meet specifications expected to be included in the Model Administrative Rules referenced in the bill. Because the Model Rules are not yet in a final format, it is unknown at this time what their impact may be on existing programs.