

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title "An Act relating to the storage tank assistance BRU Civil Division
 fund, to financial assistance for owners and operators of ..." Component Commercial; Environmental Law
 Sponsor Senate Finance Committee
 Requester House Resources Committee Component Serial No. 2211; 2092

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personal Services	84.2	56.2	56.2	56.2	56.2	56.2
Travel	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Contractual	14.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Supplies	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Equipment	6.5					
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	106.9	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1079 Storg Tank	106.9	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0
TOTAL	106.9	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSSB 128 (FIN) AM changes the storage tank assistance fund from a predominately grant program to a predominately loan program with limited grants available only to small businesses. This change would take effect July 1, 1999.

The changes to the storage tank assistance grant and loan program would create both initial startup costs and ongoing costs for the Department of Law. During the first year under the new provisions, Department of Law expenses would involve development of regulations and forms dealing with loan and grant program eligibility and administration. We would expect that some entities that would have qualified for a grant under the old program will not be able to qualify for either a grant or a loan under the new program, and that other entities will not qualify for the full amounts for which they could have qualified under the old program. These entities may find it difficult or impossible to bring their facilities into compliance; therefore, an increase in the demand for environmental enforcement actions and compliance

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

agreements is expected. We would also expect a high default rate among loan recipients resulting in a continuing need for collection efforts. Collection efforts will be complicated by liability issues because the loan collateral may still be contaminated at the time of loan default.

The new workload generated by this bill would be split between the Civil Division's Commercial and Environmental Law sections, with Commercial handling loan issues and Environmental Law the environmental compliance issues. In the first year, three-quarters of an attorney position would be required, with the work equally divided between the sections. In the second, and subsequent years, once regulations development and other initial start-up work is complete, a half-time position is expected to be sufficient, with the workload continuing to be split equally between the sections.

Fiscal note costs are based on the department's FY00 standard full-time equivalent attorney cost schedule (\$133,926), and include clerical support, communications, space, supplies, data processing, and other normal overhead expenses. An additional \$6,500 for one-time equipment purchases, costs that cannot be included in the rate as overhead, are added in FY00 only, and as a practical matter, placed in Commercial with the new part time position. These costs would be split between the separate components as follows:

	FY00	FY01-FY05	PPT
Commercial	\$56.7	\$33.5	1
Environmental Law	\$50.2	\$33.5	
	<u>\$106.9</u>	<u>\$67.0</u>	