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FISCAL NOTE

Bill/Resolution No.: Senate Bill No. 2358 Amendment to: _____

Requested by: Legislative Council Date of Receipt: _____

Please estimate the fiscal impact of the above measure for:

State general or special funds Counties Cities

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of this measure:

Narrative:

The bill requires the State Board of Higher Education to rate all courses in the system. The sponsor has indicated his wish that the bill be amended to include only freshman and sophomore courses. This note assumes that the Board will rate only the first two years of courses. The system offers an estimated 4,200 such courses.

Rating requires an average of one hour per course by a senior academic staff member, plus an estimated 100 hours for organizing the process, verifying, and cross-tabulating the results. The estimated fiscal effect assumes 4,300 hours of academic staff time at \$19/hour, with 23% fringe benefits. In addition, the estimated fiscal effect includes \$5,900 for trips to 11 campuses to conduct the ratings. In order to meet the sponsor's objectives, the ratings must be incorporated in a systemwide course file that does not now exist but could be built on the Higher Education Computing Network (HECN). HECN has a moratorium on new projects due to lack of staff. Depending on the nature of the rating system and its intended uses, programming time for the new course file is estimated at between \$12,500 and \$150,000. The estimated fiscal effect uses the conservative figure of \$12,500.

State Fiscal Effect:

<u>1987-88</u>		<u>1988-89</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
	\$59,446		\$59,445		\$118,891

County and City Fiscal Effect:

<u>1987-88</u>		<u>1988-89</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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