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FISCAL NOTE

Bill/Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to: HB 1444

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

House Bill 1444 would have no impact on the state general fund nor on counties or cities. However, if passed, House Bill 1444 will impact special funds used for the Farm Credit Counseling program.

Fees of approximately \$20 - \$25 an hour will be charged to participants in formal mediation only. As of March 10, 1989, more than 600 people had requested formal mediation. We do not expect the entire 600 requests to go to formal mediation, as many of them will be settled during the informal mediation process.

The foregoing assumptions would initially suggest a fiscal impact of about \$150,000 a year in formal mediation fees (800 cases with three participants per case at three hours per formal mediation hearing at \$20 an hour).

In addition, federal funding of up to \$250,000 is expected annually to assist in defraying the expenses of mediation. Coupled with the funds generated from fees, the annual fiscal impact of House Bill 1444 is estimated at \$400,000 per year, or \$800,000 for the 1989-1991 biennium.

All of these monies will be used to help defray the costs of mediation. These monies would go into the Department of Agriculture's operating fund and would be used solely for the mediation program.

State Fiscal Effect:

<u>1989-90</u>		<u>1990-91</u>		<u>Biennium Total</u>	
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>
	\$400,000		\$400,000		\$800,000

County and City Fiscal Effect:

<u>1989-90</u>		<u>1990-91</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.

Signed 

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