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FISCAL NOTE

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1444 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 ability to charge a farmer and his/her creditors is expected to be used only in formal mediation circumstances. While we anticipate assisting about 1,500-1,800 farmers per year in the upcoming biennium, we expect that fewer than 500 of these cases will go to formal mediation.

No fee schedule has been adopted at this time for formal mediation, but I would anticipate adoption of a fee schedule in the area of \$20-\$25 per hour to be charged all participants while at the formal mediation table.

The foregoing assumptions would initially suggest a fiscal impact of about \$90,000 per year, (500 cases @ 3 participants per case @ 3 hours per case @ \$20 per hour).

However, because interim administrative rules were just adopted January 13, 1989, by the Credit Review Board, the above numbers are somewhat speculative in nature, to say the least. Demand for formal mediation is difficult to gauge at this time.

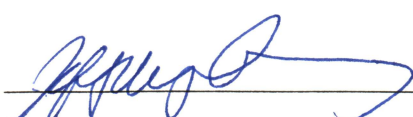
State Fiscal Effect:

<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>
	\$90,000		\$90,000		\$180,000

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>

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Signed 

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Date Prepared: _____

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