# REVISION RELATED TO THE AMENDED AND ENGROSSED BILL FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2374	Amendment to:
Requested by Legislative Council	Date of Request: 2/18/97
<ol> <li>Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.</li> </ol>	
<u>Narrative</u> :	
SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE	
2. <u>State</u> fiscal effect in dollar a	mounts:
1995-97	1997-99 1999-2001
<u>Biennium</u> General Special <u>C</u> <u>Fund Funds</u>	Biennium Biennium General Special General Special Fund Funds Fund Funds
Revenues:	0 (\$2,083,500) 0 (\$2,332,500)
Expenditures: \$2	49,000 \$672,775 \$498,000 \$562,775)
3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:	
a. For rest of 1995-97 biennium: 0	
b. For the 1997-99 biennium: Increase of \$153,000 for appraisal fees	
c. For the 1999-2001 biennium: Net increase of \$43,000. (Increase of \$153,000 in appraisal fees less \$110,000 decrease due to loss of one FTE plus	
reduction in our leafy spurge program.)  4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:	
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attach a supplemental sheet.	Typed Name ROBERT J OLHEISER
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# ADDENDUM TO FISCAL NOTE RELATED TO THE AMENDED AND ENGROSSED SB 2374

#### Section 1

**Impact on the state general fund:** If the amended and engrossed SB 2374 were to be passed, a total of approximately \$249,000 in annual income would not be available for distribution to schools state wide via the school foundation aid formula. In order to maintain the current state level of funding for education, an additional amount of \$249,000 would need to be appropriated annually from the state general fund.

**Impact on special funds:** The amended and engrossed SB 2374 still requires a forced sale on 184,000 acres of school trust land. Our estimate of the value of this land remains at \$24,460,000. Even with the extended time in the amended bill, we would expect to experience a discount of 15% of the value of the property (because bidders would know we still, eventually, have to sell). This translates into a total permanent loss of \$3,669,000 in principal value for the educational trusts that own this land.

An educated estimate of the total taxes levied on this property (184,000 acres) is \$234,000 - based on an estimate of grassland acreage taxes in the affected counties. If this land is sold as required by the bill:

**Impact on counties:** An average of 35% of the \$234,000 in taxes levied on this property (or approximately \$81,900) would go to counties in the affected areas.

**Impact on cities:** An average of 15% of the \$234,000 in taxes levied on this property (or approximately \$35,100) would go to cities in the affected counties.

**Impact on school districts:** An average of 50% of the \$234,000 in taxes levied on this property (or approximately \$117,000) would go to school districts in the affected counties.

### Section 2 - Explanation

#### 1997-99

- General Fund Expenditure: \$249,000 is the amount that would need to be appropriated from the general fund to maintain the current level of foundation aid payments.
- ♦ <u>Special Fund Revenue:</u> A loss of one-half of the forced sale discount, plus \$249,000 loss of total return investment income.
- Special Fund Expenditure: One-half of marketing fees @ 5%, plus one-half of land appraisal costs.

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- General Fund Expenditure: \$498,000 is the amount that would need to be appropriated from the general fund to maintain the current level of foundation aid payments.
- <u>Special Fund Revenue:</u> A loss of one-half of the forced sale discount, plus loss of \$498,000, from the difference in total return between current investment in land and the net amount that would available for investment in securities if the land is sold.
- Special Fund Expenditure: Net amount from an increase in expenses due to one-half of marketing fees
   5%, plus one-half of land appraisal costs, less a decrease in expenditures from loss of one position plus reduction in leafy spurge program.