COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 2680-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 880

Subject: Credit and Bankruptcy; Banks and Financial Institutions; Consumer Protection

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: January 7, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Finance (DED-FIN)** stated this proposal imposes no new duties, therefore there is no fiscal impact to DED-FIN.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Credit Unions** indicated their agency may be involved in enforcement of the proposal, but there would be no fiscal impact to their agency.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal modifies the maximum penalties a consumer must pay for late payments on certain credit transactions. A lender may charge a late payment of 2% of the minimum payment due or \$15, whichever is greater, on a small loan payment which is fifteen days or more in default. A minimum charge of \$5 is allowed. Charges assessed by an institution for processing a refused instrument plus a handling fee shall not exceed \$5 (reduced from \$25).

This proposal also modifies the late charge on retail credit sales. The maximum late charge that can be charged is \$5 (reduced from \$10) or \$2 (reduced from \$5) when the monthly installment due is less than \$25. In addition, the charges assessed by any institution for processing a refused instrument plus a handling fee may not exceed \$5 (reduced from \$15).

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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