

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0095

**Title:** Revise licensing of weighing and measuring devices

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Gary Matthews

**Status:** As Introduced

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| Sponsor signature | Date | Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director | Date |
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## Fiscal Summary

|  | <u>FY2002<br/>Difference</u> | <u>FY2003<br/>Difference</u> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                       | 0                            | 0                            |
| <b>Revenue:</b>                            |                              |                              |
| State Special Revenue                      | \$ 65,300                    | \$ 65,300                    |
| <b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b> | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>                     |

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| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |                                  | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |                               |
|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
|            | X         | Significant Local Gov. Impact    |            | X         | Technical Concerns            |
|            | X         | Included in the Executive Budget |            | X         | Significant Long-Term Impacts |
|            | X         | Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  |            | X         | Family Impact Form Attached   |

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## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Weights & Measures Bureau is a state special revenue program funded entirely by license fees (97%) and special inspection fees (3%) which are used to test and inspect weighing and measuring devices. The authority to set fees for measuring devices (primarily gas pumps and meters) is already in administrative rule, while the fees for weighing devices (scales) remains in statute. Passage of HB 95 would not in itself raise fees, it would only move the authority for setting fees from statute to administrative rule.

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2. Assuming HB 95 is passed, it would be the bureau's intention to propose an increase in fees paid to license weighing devices (scales) similar to that which was imposed for measuring devices (primarily gas pumps and meters) in FY 2001.

3. In FY 2000, the bureau incurred a net operating loss of \$46,902. And, without an increase in fees, the program is projected to have a negative fund balance before the end of the 2003 biennium. The current fees for weighing devices (scales) have been in place since 1993, when the program went from a funding mix of general fund and license fees to only a state special revenue fund. Since 1993, costs have increased every year to the point where expenses are now greater than income. In order for a state special revenue program such as this to remain financially solvent, the fees charged must be commensurate with the costs associated with providing program services.

4. Additionally, the oversight provided by the rule making process will ensure that the fees requested are realistic and commensurate with cost.

FISCAL IMPACT:

|  | <u>FY2002<br/>Difference</u> | <u>FY2003<br/>Difference</u> |
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| <u>Revenues:</u>   |                              |                              |
| State Special Revenue (02)                                     | \$65,300                     | \$65,300                     |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u> |                              |                              |
| State Special Revenue (02)                                     | \$65,300                     | \$65,300                     |