

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0463

Title: Provide unemployment to victims of domestic violence

Primary Sponsor: Michelle Lee

Status: Reference bill

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY2002 Difference	FY2003 Difference
Expenditures:	11,280	11,280
Revenue:	11,280	11,280
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<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

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Each claimant must meet documentation requirements.
2. In 1999 Wyoming passed a similar law. Wyoming is reporting between five and six claims per year.
3. The payments made to domestic violence victims would be similar to the average payments made to other unemployed individuals. The average payment is \$188 per week.
4. If six individuals filed claims, \$11,280 would be paid (\$188 x 10 x 6).
5. The cost of the benefits paid to individuals will be spread to all employers via the trust fund. Although the UI collections from employers happen over a period of time, the collections are shown to occur during the same period as the benefits are paid.

6. The complexity of determining the eligibility of this type of UI benefit could impact the speed of determinations of all other UI benefit types.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Benefits	11,280	11,280
<u>Funding:</u>		
Other (UI Trust Fund)	11,280	11,280
TOTAL		
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Other (UI Trust Fund)	11,280	11,280
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
Other	0	0

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. The department is uncertain how to develop verification techniques to determine if the individual remains in or returns to the abusive situation, particularly since this applies to in-state claimants and former residents residing out of state. Currently, fact-finding techniques are wage files, cross matches with employer records, contacts with employers, Job Service offices, and other state and federal agencies.