

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0282

Title: Create special court to handle asbestos cases

Primary Sponsor: William Crismore

Status: Second Reading, Second House

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	190,157	186,157
Other (County Contribution)	15,000	15,000
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$190,157)	(\$186,157)

<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. The position of the Asbestos Claims Judge and the court reporter would be filled using contracted services. There would also be 1.00 FTE required for a combination secretary/law clerk.
2. A vehicle would be leased for the court at a cost of \$5,000 per year.
3. The judge would make three trips per year for three weeks at a time, and one trip per month for three nights each. The average round trip would be 680 miles.
4. Two computers, one printer and one fax machine would be purchased in the first year only.

5. The Asbestos Claims Court would not rent additional office space. Space would be borrowed from existing courts.
6. The court reporter will charge for transcripts, not to exceed statutory limits.
7. Lincoln County has agreed to pay for \$15,000 per year of costs incurred by this court.
8. The Judiciary is currently investigating the possibility of obtaining federal money to fund this court. If federal funds are obtained, a like amount of general fund may be reverted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY2002 <u>Difference</u>	FY2003 <u>Difference</u>
FTE	1.00	1.00

Expenditures:

Personal Services	50,400	50,400
Operating Expenses	150,757	150,757
Equipment	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$205,157	\$201,157

Funding:

General Fund (01)	190,157	186,157
Other (County Contribution)	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$205,157	\$201,157

Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):

General Fund (01)	(\$190,157)	(\$186,157)
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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

Counties may incur some cost in providing facilities for trials. Lincoln County has agreed to pay \$15,000 per year of court costs.