

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 242 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Environmental Matters

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**Health Services Cost Review Commission - Abrogation Date and User Fees**

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This departmental bill repeals the abrogation date of June 30, 2000 for the provisions of Chapter 319 of 1995. Chapter 319 provides that Health Services Cost Review Commission user fee revenues are special fund revenues rather than general fund revenues. The bill also increases the cap on the total amount of user fees that can be assessed by the commission in a fiscal year from \$3.0 million to \$3.5 million.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** State finances for the Health Services Cost Review Commission would continue in FY 2001 and beyond.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** Fiscal 2001 revenues would be maintained because the bill proposes to continue the user fee revenues collected by the Health Services Cost Review Commission as special funds. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget assumes \$3.3 million in special fund revenues for the commission. Future year revenues are expected to remain relatively constant.

**State Expenditures:** Fiscal 2001 expenditures would be maintained because the bill

proposes to continue the Health Services Cost Review Commission as special fund expenditures. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget includes \$3.3 million in special fund expenditures for the commission, excluding \$36.5 million in a hospital uncompensated care pool fund that is separate from the commission operating expenditures. Out-year expenditures are expected to remain relatively constant.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Services Cost Review Commission), Department of Legislative Services

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