

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 838

SHORT TITLE: Soliciations Act/Exemptions

SPONSOR(S): Senator Odom

FISCAL IMPACT:	Expenditures:	Increase ()	Decrease ()
	Revenues:	Increase ()	Decrease (X)
	No Impact	()	
	No Estimate Available	()	

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (X) Highway Fund () Local Govt. ()
 Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: The bill would exempt YMCAs and YWCAs from the requirement to obtain an and pay a fee for a license to solicit charitable contributions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Human Resources (DHR) administers the solicitation license program and collects the license fees. DHR retains the fees from the solicitation licenses (and bingo licenses) as departmental receipts up to the point that the fees cover the actual total cost of license administration. Remaining fee revenues revert to the General Fund. During FY 1993-94, DHR issued licenses to 22 YMCAs and 4 YWCAs. Based on the current fee schedule, the YMCAs and YWCAs would pay \$4,400 in fees annually. This revenue would be lost under the provisions of the bill.

Whether this loss of fee revenue would affect the General Fund or only DHR would depend upon whether total revenue from solicitation and bingo licenses exceeded the cost of the licensure program. Based on current fee rates and current program costs, the loss of revenue would reduce the reversions to the General Fund. However, as program costs increase, fee revenues may fall below costs, at which point the revenue loss caused by the bill would affect only DHR.

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