

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1339

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Barlow

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Security freezes on credit reports; penalty

5. Summary: The bill authorizes any consumer to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report or any information in it without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer may release his report, permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Consumer reporting agencies may charge a consumer up to \$5 for each freeze, removal of the freeze, or temporary lift of the freeze; however, no charge shall be assessed to victims of identity theft. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may use existing resources to enforce the provision of the Consumer Protection Act.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry