

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3125**

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TO: The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Representative Hodges PRIMARY CODE CITE: 11-55-10
SUBJECT: Microenterprise Development Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3125 amends Title 11 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 55 creating the "Microenterprise Partnership Program," a loan and grant program in support of "microenterprises," to be developed and implemented by the Department of Commerce. The Bill defines "microenterprise" and provides guidelines for awarding loans and grants.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Commerce

The Department indicates that to design, implement, coordinate and monitor the continuing operation of this new (grant/loan) program 1.00 Program Manager is needed. The Department estimates annual costs at \$90,000 (including \$78,000 for salary and fringes and \$12,000 for operating expenses). In the first year, however, an additional \$10,000 is needed for office equipment, increasing the first year cost to \$100,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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