

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
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Amendment to: HB 1460

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$193,600	\$0	\$193,600	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$193,600	\$0	\$193,600	\$0

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Requires the Commission to adopt rules establishing a unitization formula to proportionally compensate property owners whose wind resources are affected by siting a wind farm. This is not possible with existing resources, but will require one additional FTE.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The bill is one section; the whole bill has fiscal impact.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

No revenues are expected.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

One formula will not take into consideration all the variable factors that would appropriately allocate compensation amongst various adjacent landowners. Wind is not finite; wind resources are impacted by very site specific characteristics (e.g. tower placement and topographical changes). Each wind farm, each turbine, would require its own analysis and unitization formula. Consequently, the Commission will require one FTE to implement the bill. The estimate is based on a Public Utility Analyst II, Grade 12, and associated costs. We estimate salary and benefits to be \$176,300 and operating expenses to be \$17,300.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

We require appropriation for one additional FTE (see B above).

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