

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/25/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1407

- 1 A. **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.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$402,287	\$0	\$442,516	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$402,287	\$0	\$442,516	\$0

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

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium
Counties	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cities	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Districts	\$0	\$0	\$0
Townships	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

This bill provides for consumers notification of a gas or liquid easement/options on which a transmission line or associated facilities are to be located and for the Office of Attorney General to investigate if the terms of the easement are not in compliance with this bill.

- 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.*

This bill requires the Attorney General to investigate, when the Public Service Commission by majority vote, determines that the transmission line or associated facilities easement applicant has engaged in harassment, threats, intimidation, misrepresentation, deception, fraud or unfair tactics to acquire the easement or easement option from the landowner if the terms of the easement or easement option are not in accordance with this bill.

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.*

Not applicable.

- 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.*

This bill would require one Consumer Protection investigator and one attorney and related operating expenses. The total general fund expenditures needed to fund these positions is \$402,287 for the 2013-15 biennium and \$442,516 for the 2015-17 biennium.

- 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.*

The Office of Attorney General appropriation would need to be increased by \$402,287 from the general fund to carry out the requirements of this bill.

Name: Kathy Roll

Agency: Office of Attorney General

Telephone: 701-328-3622

Date Prepared: 01/31/2013