

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/21/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2283

- 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						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

- 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			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 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 establishes an infrastructure audit task force to oversee the completion of infrastructure audits by state agencies and political subdivisions. The task force would consist of nine to fifteen members appointed by the governor.

- 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.*

Section 1 of the bill establishes an infrastructure audit task force to oversee the completion of infrastructure audits. The task force would review the audits, determine findings, and make recommendations to the governor and legislature. The bill does not provide for compensation to be paid to members of the task force. Section 2 allows the task force to direct each state agency, as well as all counties, cities, townships, and public utilities, to conduct a biennial audit of buildings and infrastructure. Section 3 provides that the audits must include: streets, roads, and highways; curb; gutter; sidewalk; water supply lines; power service lines; water storage facilities; power generating facilities; signs, including traffic signals; buildings and structures; parks; swimming pools; fresh water facilities, including dikes and dams; waste treatment facilities; schools and higher education facilities; and landfills. Each audit must address: value, replacement cost, useful life, condition, needed repairs, and the cost of needed repairs. In addition to the numerous state agencies and institutions of higher education, there are 53 counties, 357 cities, and over 1300 townships that would need to conduct audits pursuant to this bill. The bill lists schools among the items to be considered, but does not list school districts among the political subdivisions affected. If school districts are included, there are approximately 180 districts, many operating multiple school buildings.

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.*

- 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.*

State agencies, political subdivisions, and public utilities would incur significant costs to comply with the requirements of this bill. Agencies, political subdivisions, and public utilities would need to contract for professional services in order to conduct the audits required by this bill. Due to significant differences in the size, complexity, and type of building and infrastructure assets owned, it is not possible to quantify the fiscal impact to the state, its political subdivisions, or public utilities.

- 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.*

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