

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/13/2015**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1266

- 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.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>			\$12,117,000		\$12,117,000	
<b>Appropriations</b>			\$12,117,000		\$12,117,000	

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

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
<b>Counties</b>			
<b>Cities</b>			
<b>School Districts</b>			
<b>Townships</b>			

- 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 measure requires the Industrial Commission Oil & Gas division to oversee the release of well plugging/reclamation bonds based on a 3 year holding period and proper vegetation growth.

- 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 measure requires the Oil & Gas division to create forms and manage reports filed; provide site inspections of vegetation growth; oversee the operator reclamation process; oversee payment of surface damages; and hire qualified individuals to provide site assessments and reclamation plans until such a time as the bond can be released.

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.*

This measure has no revenue effects.

- 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.*

Expenditures per biennium include \$52,000 for RBDMS technician to revise and maintain database (25% of time); \$65,000 for Admin. Assistant (50% of time) to manage reports and surface damage records; and \$12,000,000 for qualified individuals to prepare site assessments and reclamation plans on approximately 50% of bond releases (estimate 400 releases per biennium at \$30,000 each).

- 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The Oil & Gas Division expenditures as mentioned in 3B are general fund expenses, and are not included in the executive budget.

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