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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill
No. 2455

Bill/Resolution No.: _____

Amendment to: _____

Requested by: Legislative Council

Date of Receipt: _____

Please estimate the fiscal impact of the above measure for:

State general or special funds Counties Cities

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of this measure:

Narrative:

See attached supplemental sheet

Projected revenues of \$3,600,000.00 for the biennium must be appropriated to the Public Service Commission.

State Fiscal Effect:

1985-86		1986-87		Biennium Total	
<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
					\$163,800.00

County and City Fiscal Effect:

1985-86		1986-87		Biennium Total	
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>

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NARRATIVE TO FISCAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 2455

Senate Bill No. 2455 as amended in Committee would require the Public Service Commission's Department of Weights and Measures to approve the meters used for the measurement of oil and gas which is placed in a storage facility on a commingled basis.

The Department of Weights and Measures would be required to test and calibrate the accuracy of meters used to measure oil production as provided in Section 1 of the bill. The Department of Weights and Measures must contract for the testing of these meters according to the amendments.

In order to contract with private companies for these tests we must have equipment available to the Weights and Measures Division to test the accuracy of the private contractor's equipment. The Weights and Measures Department would be required to purchase the following:

prover	\$ 80,000.00
vehicle	\$ 15,000.00
safety equipment	\$ 5,000.00
meters	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 103,000.00

The Department would need one or two additional FTE to administer the responsibility for quarterly testing of approximately 3000 oil and gas meters in place at this time. One additional position would total \$36,000.00 for the biennium. Meals and lodging would total \$20,800.00 for the biennium and gas for mileage would total \$4,000.00 for the biennium.

The Commission has been advised that it would cost \$300.00 for private contractor services for each meter being tested. Each meter must be tested quarterly for an estimated total cost of testing 3000 meters at \$3,600,000.00. Since the Commission would anticipate that the revenues would be deposited in the general fund and would equal the expenses there would be no actual dollar impact, but the revenues of \$3,600,000.00 when collected must be appropriated to the Public Service Commission.

The fiscal impact on the general fund for the biennium with one additional full-time employee is:

salaries, wages, and per diem:	\$ 60,800.00
equipment:	<u>\$ 103,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 163,800.00