

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**12/22/2014**

Revised  
 Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2120

- 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>       | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |
| <b>Appropriations</b> | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |

- 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>         | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| <b>Cities</b>           | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| <b>School Districts</b> | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| <b>Townships</b>        | \$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 adds a fee for certain types of applications, and increases the minimum fee for processing siting applications submitted to the Public Service Commission.

- 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 fiscal impact to the agency resulting from proposed legislation cannot be estimated because we do not know how many applications may be filed, or what type of applications may be filed in any given time frame. It is possible that no applications may be filed in that time frame.

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.*

These fees are not general revenue to the state nor are they included in the executive budget. These fees are collected and deposited into a special fund held for the single purpose of processing the filed application. Any costs incurred for a particular case are allocated to the fee and any remaining balance after processing the application must be returned to the applicant. Estimating the amount of fees to be collected during a fiscal period is not possible because jurisdictional utilities have sole discretion over if and when applications are filed, and over the type of application that may be filed.

- 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.*

Expenses incurred to process any jurisdictional case are allocated to the fee, held in suspense, for that case, based on the continuing appropriation provided in subsection 3 of section 49-22-22 of the North Dakota Century Code.

- 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.*

Subsection 3 of section 49-22-22 of the North Dakota Century Code provides continuing appropriation to expend the funds upon receipt.

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