

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB 433

**Title:** County revenue distribution of forest reserve funds

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Jim Elliott

**Status:** House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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## Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	x	Significant Local Gov. Impact		x	Technical Concerns
	x	Included in the Executive Budget		x	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	x	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		x	Family Impact Form Attached

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Current state law directs 100% of federal forest reserve payments to be distributed to county road funds and to countywide school mills only. Current state law does not allow the payments to be expended in any other manner.
2. Under a new federal law, known as the Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act, the federal forest reserve payments will include funds for qualifying counties to be expended on various forest related services and projects such as firefighting, search-and-rescue efforts or educating rural homeowners on wildfire prevention.
3. The proposal does not impact the amount of federal forest reserve money that would flow to county road funds and to countywide school mill levies under current law. The proposal will allow qualifying counties to receive the additional funding.

### EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

The proposal will align state law with the federal Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act and allow counties to expend a portion of the federal forest reserve payments on forest related services.