



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # HB0256

Title: Revise landowner notification requirements under MFSA

Primary Sponsor: Hoven, Brian

Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$35,456	\$32,470	\$32,959	\$33,287
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$35,456	\$32,470	\$32,959	\$32,287
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 256 requires the Department of Environmental Quality to provide written notice either in person or by first class mail disclosing the availability of a draft environmental review selecting the department's preferred alternative for a one-mile wide facility siting corridor to the owners of property within the corridor. The names and addresses of the property owners must be obtained from the property tax rolls of the county where the property is located. These activities will increase the time required for the permitting process such as staff time, mailing, travel, and other operating costs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- The costs are passed on to applicants, so there will be little or no direct impact to state special revenue fund balances.
- It is expected that a 0.50 additional FTE would be added to the Major Facility Siting Act program to travel to the counties where property tax rolls are maintained, maintain a database, and compile and send written notices. The FTE would be an administrative assistant, pay band 4, with salary and benefits costs of \$21,938

in FY 2014 and FY2015, \$22,269 in FY 2016, and \$22,468 in FY 2017. Personal services costs have been increased 1.5% in FY 2016 and FY 2017.

3. The first choice will be to send by first class mail. The cost for postage and mailing is estimated at \$1,250 for FY 2014 and FY 2015, \$1,269 in FY 2016, and \$1,288 in FY 2017. This assumption is based on 2,500 notices at \$.50 per notice. Costs may vary depending upon population/landowner densities.
4. Routine operating costs include supplies, office set-up, computer laptop, cell phone, training, and indirect costs. These costs total \$8,902 in FY 2014, \$5,888 in FY 2015, \$5,977 in FY 2016, and \$6,035 in FY 2017. Operating costs (except office set-up and computers) are increased by 1.5% in FY 2016 and FY 2017.
1. An additional cost is included for delivering the written notice in person if the first class mail is returned. The travel costs to deliver the written notice and travel to the counties where the property tax rolls are maintained are estimated at \$3,367 in FY 2014, \$3,394 in FY 2015, \$3,444 in FY 2016, and \$3,496 in FY 2017.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$21,938	\$21,938	\$22,269	\$22,468
Operating Expenses	\$13,519	\$10,532	\$10,690	\$10,819
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$35,457</u>	<u>\$32,470</u>	<u>\$32,959</u>	<u>\$33,287</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$35,457	\$32,470	\$32,959	\$33,287
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$35,457</u>	<u>\$32,470</u>	<u>\$32,959</u>	<u>\$33,287</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$35,457	\$32,470	\$32,959	\$33,287
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$35,457</u>	<u>\$32,470</u>	<u>\$32,959</u>	<u>\$33,287</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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