



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # HB0354

Title: Establish a wildfire project suppression fund

Primary Sponsor: Connell, Pat

Status: As Amended by the Senate Finance & Claims Committ

- 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
Fire Suppression Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 354, as amended, requires certain general fund transfers to the fire suppression state special revenue account at the end of each fiscal year and provides a statutory appropriation. There is no fiscal impact to the bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. HB 354, as amended, transfers any unexpended and unencumbered balance of the Governor's emergency appropriation to the fire suppression fund at the end of each biennium. Since the budget already assumes that this appropriation will be fully expended, there is no additional fiscal impact from the transfer.
2. HB 354, as amended, transfers general fund reversions in excess of 0.5% of total general fund appropriations to the fire suppression fund at the end of each fiscal year. Since the budget assumes that general fund reversions will be less than 0.5%, there is no fiscal impact from the potential transfer.
3. HB 354, as amended, transfers corporation license tax revenues in excess of estimates to the fire suppression fund at the end of FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Since the budget assumes revenues only to the level of estimates, there is no fiscal impact from the potential transfer.

4. If Governor’s reductions as required by 17-7-140, MCA, occur in a given fiscal year, no transfers will be made to the fire suppression fund.
5. 17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(2), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. In reviewing and establishing statutory appropriations, the legislature shall consider the following guidelines.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
a. The fund or use requires an appropriation.	X	
b. The money is not from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.	X	
c. The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is not predictable and reliable.	X	
d. The authority does not exist elsewhere.	X	
e. An alternative appropriation method is not available, practical, or effective.	X	
f. Other than for emergency purposes, it does not appropriate money from the state general fund.	X	
g. The money is dedicated for a specific use.	X	
h. The legislature wishes the activity to be funded on a continual basis.	X	
i. When feasible, an expenditure cap and sunset date are included.		X

Sponsor’s Initials

Date

Budget Director’s Initials

Date