GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill #	SB0155	**Title:**	Require EIS for FWP land acquisition
Primary Sponsor:	Vincent, Chas	**Status:**	As Introduced

- ☐ 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

	FY 2014 Difference	FY 2015 Difference	FY 2016 Difference	FY 2017 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500
Revenue:				
General Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	$0	$0	$0	$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 155 will require the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to prepare Environmental Impact Statements on all land acquisitions resulting in increased operations costs to comply.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) would be required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for all land acquisitions.
2. Eligible land acquisitions would include all fee title and conservation easements.
3. FWP has averaged 15 acquisitions per year over the past ten years.
4. FWP would contract for the preparation of all required EIS. Contractor estimates include the cost of assembling information and writing the document. FWP would be responsible for all scoping, public notices, hearings, and distribution of documents.
5. It is assumed that the cost of an EIS would be double the cost of an EA. FWP has contracted for Environmental Assessments (EA) an average of one time per year at an average cost per assessment of $9,500. The average EIS cost would be $19,000 ($19,000 x 15 = $285,000).
6. The agency would currently budget $9,500 annually for contracted EA's, thus the net yearly impact would be $275,000 ($285,000 - $9,500 = $275,500).

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Fiscal Impact:				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditures:				
Operating Expenses	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500
TOTAL Expenditures	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500
Funding of Expenditures:				
General Fund (01)	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue (02)	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500	$275,500
Revenues:				
General Fund (01)	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue (02)	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL Revenues	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):				
General Fund (01)	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue (02)	($275,500)	($275,500)	($275,500)	($275,500)

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