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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 244** SLS 25RS 1291  
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action:  
  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.: SB 193

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| <b>Date:</b> May 20, 2025                                     | 4:20 PM | <b>Author:</b> HENSGENS         |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of Energy and Natural Resources |         |                                 |
| <b>Subject:</b> Restructuring and Renames DENR to DCE         |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Richie Anderson |

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Provides for the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources. (8/1/25)

Proposed law restructures and renames the Department of Energy and Natural Resources into the Department of Conservation and Energy (DCE). Proposed law provides for the Office of Permitting Compliance, Office of Enforcement, and the Office of State Lands. Proposed law provides for the authorities of each office and each office's role. Proposed law transfers the duties of the Assistant Secretary and the Commissioner of Conservation to the Secretary of DCE. Proposed law establishes a new expedited permitting process, Natural Resources Commission, and the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund within the DCE.

| EXPENDITURES   | 2025-26   | 2026-27   | 2027-28   | 2028-29   | 2029-30   | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW |               |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Ded./Other     | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Federal Funds  | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Local Funds    | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Annual Total   |           |           |           |           |           |               |

| REVENUES       | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Federal Funds  | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0           |
| Local Funds    | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0           |
| Annual Total   | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     | \$0           |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may have a direct material effect on governmental expenditures. Proposed law restructures and renames the department, creates the Natural Resources Commission, and creates the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund. To the extent the Department of Energy and Resources (DENR) utilizes existing staff and resources, the fiscal impact of this measure may be mitigated.

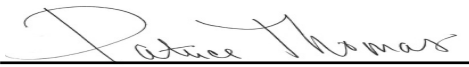
**Restructures and Renames.** Proposed law restructures and renames the Department of Energy and Natural Resources into the Department of Conservation and Energy (DCE). The proposed legislation is anticipated to have a nominal effect on expenditures within the department, presumably from SGF, but could include various other means of finance in the budget. DENR reports that the replacement of badges, letterheads, stationery, and business cards will be replaced using existing operating budget. There could be additional costs associated with removing and replacing building signage, but these would be absorbed by the routine operating budget as well.

**Natural Resources Commission.** Proposed law creates the Natural Resource Commission. Proposed law requires the secretaries of the Department of Conservation and Energy, Department of Revenue, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Public Service Commission along with a Governor appointee to meet quarterly to convene the Natural Resources Commission. Proposed law provides that the Governor Appointee shall represent statewide flood control interests. This appointee shall be one of the following: the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the Executive Director of the Coastal Protection Restoration Authority, the Executive Director of the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority, or the Chief Resilience officer. These departments have reported that all secretaries or executive directors will be able to attend these meetings using their existing operating budget.

**Department of Treasury.** Treasury requires certain resources to create and administer a Fund account, as in this measure. Should aggregate session action result in the creation of funds beyond that which can be absorbed within existing resources, additional funding may be required, which is assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| Senate  | Dual Referral Rules | House  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}       |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | <br>Patrice Thomas<br>Deputy Fiscal Officer |