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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 605** HLS 25RS 942

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT

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Authorizes a fee for expedited processing performed by the Department of Energy and Natural Resources

Current law provides for the Department of Conservation within the Department of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR) to charge an expedited processing fee with a minimum surcharge of \$500 plus certain actual costs for services provided on an expedited basis upon promulgation of rules.

Proposed law retains current law and provides that the expedited processing fee may be waived if the need for expedited processing is caused solely by an error, mistake, or delay on the part of the department.

Effective upon passage.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Department of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR) reports that the proposed law will result in no additional net expenditures to the state, as the bill does not increase the demand for expedited processes. The bill only allows the waiver of the expedited fee that is already authorized in law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed law introduces a provision allowing for a fee waiver if the need for expedited processing is caused by agency error, mistake, or delay. While it is difficult to predict how often the fee waiver will apply, any reduction in revenue would accrue to the same funds as the standard fees, which is the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.

According to DENR, \$358,031 in expedited fees has been deposited to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund with \$109,000 in FY 25.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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