

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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Authorizes the state fire marshal to conduct inspections and plan reviews relative to fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities

Proposed law authorizes the state fire marshal to supervise the inspection of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities pursuant to the provisions of proposed law. Proposed law provides when the fire marshal may initiate an inspection of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities within one hundred feet of any one- or two-family dwelling or hunting or fishing camp. Proposed law allows the state fire marshal to issue orders to enforce the repair or removal of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities. Proposed law imposes restrictions on the owner of a fuel tank, fuel tank installation, or fuel dispensing facility once issued an enforcement order by the state fire marshal or his representative. Proposed law enumerates a list of causes for finding a violation. Proposed law authorizes the state fire marshal to charge a plan and review fee for the plan review of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities. Proposed law indicates that the provisions shall not apply to any fuel tanks regulated by the Liquified Petroleum Gas Commission.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an increase in self-generated revenue expenditures as a result of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) inspecting and reviewing fuel tanks, fuel tank installations and fuel dispensing facilities within 100 feet of any one- or two-family dwelling, hunting or fishing camp. The exact number of dwellings with fuel tanks, fuel tank installations and fuel dispensing facilities that would be inspected is unknown as well as how many plans would be submitted for review. To the extent inspections conducted are minimal, the SFM may realize a nominal increase for travel.

According to the SFM, inspections will only take place upon complaints that are received and the office will not retroactively review fuel tanks, fuel tank installation, and fuel dispensing facilities. The SFM also states that any plan reviews will be handled with current resources.

To the extent the proposed legislation results in approximately 500 additional inspections and plan reviews, the SFM would require additional staff. The cost to the SFM to add an additional deputy would be \$91,597 for 1 Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal. The salary and related benefits cost would be \$80,714 (\$51,252 salary + \$29,462 related benefits). Operating services and supplies including telephone, printing, postage, uniform, fuel and office supplies total \$9,900. Annual travel related to inspections is anticipated to be \$1,000. In addition, acquisition costs of \$25,750 consisting of an automobile (\$16,000), office and data equipment (\$3,450) and gun, vest, radio and evidence equipment (\$6,300) would be required if the SFM does not have surplus equipment available.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in self-generated revenue as a result of reviewing plans for fuel tanks, fuel installations and fuel dispensing facilities. The current fee for storage tank plan reviews is \$75. The exact revenue impact is indeterminable since the number of plan reviews that will be conducted is unknown.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {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} |

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