

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/17/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1298

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$475,000	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$475,000	\$0	\$450,000	\$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0						

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

The bill requires the Governor to appoint an infrastructure audit task force to oversee the performance of audits of the infrastructure of the state. The task force is to employ accounting and financial expertise necessary to properly perform the tasks required by this bill. The bill also requires state agencies, cities, counties and townships to conduct audits of their infrastructure every two years. This fiscal note does not take into account the cost to political sub-divisions.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

None

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expenditures listed above would be for the task force to employ 2 mid-level accountants, an account technician, and 1 administrative support person, start up costs, and operating expenses. Salaries and benefits are estimated at \$360,000 for the 2001-2003 biennium and \$375,000 for the 2003-2005 biennium. Start-up costs for computers, desks, office supplies, printers, etc. are estimated at \$30,000 with another \$10,000 for asset management software. Routine operating costs of \$75,000 per biennium are included.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Additional general fund appropriations would be needed to fund the bill. The funds are not provided in the Executive Recommendation. It is possible that a much larger expenditure may be necessary to fulfill the mission of this bill.

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