

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/26/2000

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1023

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						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

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

HB 1023 is the State Water Commissions appropriation bill. The Governor's recommended budget eliminates all funding from the general fund for the agency and replaces it with funding from the Water Development Trust Fund. The Water Development Trust Fund revenue is provided from a 45% share of the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. HB 1023 authorizes the State Water Commission to issue an additional \$30.8 million for statewide water projects as well as extending previously authorized bonding authority. HB 1023 also authorizes the State Water Commission to replace the existing shop building and land, using the proceeds from the sale of the old facility to fund the replacement.

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.*

HB 1023, in section 10, provides authorization to the Water Commission to issue bonds up to the amount of \$30.8 million for statewide water development projects. HB 1023 also extends the Water Commission's authority to issue bonds as provided in chapter 61-02.1 to 6/30/2003. This authority was originally \$84.8 million of which \$27.5 million has been issued leaving a balance of \$57.3 million. The \$57.3 million plus the \$30.8 million give the State Water Commission a total bonding authority of \$88.1 million.

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.*

HB 1023 funds \$10,148,773 of Water Commission operations and activities, that in the previous biennium were funded from the general fund, out of the water development trust fund. Other changes from the previous biennium include the \$30.8 million of statewide water projects authorized in Section 10 of HB 1023, and the estimated expenditure of \$31.5 million for projects authorized in chapter 61-02.1. The \$30.8 million and \$31.5 million for statewide water development projects may be funded from bond proceeds, water development trust fund revenues, resource trust fund revenues, or a combination of the three. The actual funding mix is to be determined by the Water Commission. HB 1023 adds one FTE for a Geographical Information System Specialist to support the expanding needs of the increasingly important GIS function.

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.*

Although HB 1023 provides the Water Commission with total bonding authority of \$88.1, section 12 of HB 1023 limits the expenditures of the statewide water development projects line item for the 2001-2003 biennium to \$62.3 million. This amount consists of \$30.8 million of new water projects as provided for in section 10 of the bill and of \$31.5 of projects authorized under chapter 61-02.1.. The \$62.3 million limitation does not apply to water projects appropriated under the Capital Improvements or Grants line items

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