



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 297

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**House Bill 297** as passed the House of Representatives would codify the existing practices of the State Health Officer, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) regarding statewide fish consumption advisories and fish tissue monitoring. This bill would further require ADEM to post signage at public boat ramps and fishing areas adjacent to state waters when there is an active fish consumption advisory, which would increase the obligations of ADEM by an estimated \$115,000 to replace signage with the provisions of this bill.

In addition, this bill would also increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to notify fishing licensees that purchase their licenses electronically about active fish consumption advisories.