



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 189

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund Sponsor: Representative Joe Lovvorn

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House Bill 189 as introduced would decrease receipts to the State General Fund by approximately \$18.5 million annually, and correspondingly increase receipts to the Logging Workforce and Forest Product Harvesting and Transportation Grant Fund, created by this bill in the State Treasury, by the same amount by redistributing the 15% portion of the Public Utilities License Tax, currently distributed to the State General Fund, to this new fund to be administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission to establish a grant program to provides grants as follows: (1) 85% for maintenance, repair, replacement, and construction of public rural bridges; and (2) 10% for support of logging workforce development and advance research and implementation of technologies that improve forest product harvesting and transportation efficiencies. This bill would also increase the obligations of the Commission to administer the grant program, which would be offset, in whole or in part, by the 5% administrative holdback provided by this bill.