

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 189

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Sponsor: Representative Joe Lovvorn

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House Bill 189 as passed the House of Representatives would create the Logging Efficiency Grant Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission to fund a grant program to provide grants as follows: (1) 85% to county commissions 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.