



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 45

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Sponsor: Senator Linda Coleman-Madison

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Senate Bill 45 as introduced 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. Per ADEM, it currently costs the Department \$585,000 annually to conduct field work and laboratory analysis, to provide for equipment, and other expenses necessary to analyze and monitor fish tissue. This bill would also require ADEM to post signage at public boat ramps adjacent to state waters when there is an active fish consumption advisory, which would further increase the obligations of ADEM by an estimated \$115,000 to replace signage in accordance 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 licenses electronically about active fish consumption advisories.