



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 542

Committee: Transportation and Energy

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House Bill 542 as reported by the Committee on Transportation and Energy would increase the obligations of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) paid from the Public Road and Bridge Fund, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, by up to \$10 million annually to reimburse utilities with gross annual income over \$250 million for the costs of relocating certain utility facilities, pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

This bill would also require the department to reimburse a minimum of \$20 million total annually to utilities with gross annual income of up to \$250 million annually for the utility relocation costs. This provision could further increase the obligations of ALDOT by an undetermined amount dependent on any additional relocation cost reimbursements required to be paid to meet this threshold that would otherwise not be paid under current law. According to ALDOT, the average amount of utility relocation costs advanced by the department is \$20 million total annually.