



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 623

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**House Bill 623** as introduced would increase the obligations of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) by an estimated \$125,000 annually for personal costs to administer the provisions of this bill to: to hire a full-time employee to: (1) consider applications for permits for utility-scale solar energy projects; and (2) inspect lands upon the closure of a project which would be offset, wholly or partially, by receipts from the \$2,500 permit filing fees for applications and \$500 amendatory permit filings fees provided by this bill.

This bill could further increase the obligations of ADEM by an undetermined amount dependent upon the cost to ADEM to decommission these solar projects, as provided in the bill. However, these costs would be offset, wholly or partially, by: (1) the use of financial assurances required to be provided by the project operators; and (2) funds from the Abandoned Utility-Scale Solar Energy Project Fund established by this bill.

Further, this bill could increase receipts to the fund from lien payments for any expenses incurred by ADEM to restore the affected lands.