



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 135

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund

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House Bill 135 as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means General Fund would name the existing port grant program the Alabama Port Infrastructure Grant Program. This bill would specifically allow the program to fund improvement, maintenance, and construction of ports and intermodal facilities.

Additionally, this bill would:

1. Rename the Inland Ports and Intermodal Development Fund to the Alabama Port Infrastructure Fund;
2. Increase the required appropriation to the program from \$2 million, under current law, to \$5 million;
3. Limit the grant amount to 50% of total budgeted project costs;
4. Prohibit any individual grant from exceeding 20% of total grant funds awarded in a single fiscal year;
5. Cap indirect costs and administrative costs at 10% of awarded amount;
6. Allow funds to be awarded to public ports in coastal areas and the Port of Mobile, in addition to inland ports, as provided by current law;
7. Cap the amount of funds that may be used for administration of the program at 10%; and
8. Require ADECA to submit an annual program report to the Legislature.