



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 159

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Senate Bill 159 as introduced would decrease utility gross receipts (UGR) tax and utility service use (USU) tax receipts to the Education Trust Fund (ETF) by an estimated maximum of \$2.3 million annually, based on information provided by the Auburn University Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department, by exempting electricity used for commercial greenhouses, pivot irrigation systems, and poultry houses from these taxes.

This bill would further decrease UGR and USU tax receipts to the ETF by an undetermined amount dependent upon the cost and amount of natural gas used for commercial greenhouses, pivot irrigation systems, and poultry houses which would be exempted from these taxes by this bill.