



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 267

Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

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House Bill 267 as introduced could increase the obligations of the State Forestry Commission by an undetermined amount dependent on the value of annual or sick leave earned by the State Forester as provided by this bill. This bill could also increase or decrease the commission's obligations by an undetermined amount dependent on the difference in actual travel expenses under current law and the per diem travel rate for state employees under this bill.

In addition, this bill would provide that certain construction projects of the commission would no longer be subject to the oversight of the Division of Construction Management, which could decrease or decrease obligations of the commission by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost differential in obtaining bids and contracts under current law versus as provided for in this bill.

This bill would also decrease the administrative obligations of the commission by: 1) increasing the maximum assessed value of a property before it is subject to the Land Sales and Leasing Act; and 2) allowing the commission to issue burn permits electronically.

Lastly, this bill could also increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, and local jails by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties imposed.