

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

Under current law, if aerial fire suppression or a response to a hazardous material spill is immediately required the Adjutant General can spend up to \$25,000 out of the Governor’s Emergency Program (GEP) without a state of emergency proclamation issued by the Governor. LB 55 would expand this ability to spend up to \$25,000 without an emergency declaration to any disaster or emergency.

This expansion in the allowed use of the Governor’s Emergency Program will increase expenditures if there are disasters or emergencies which do not meet the degree needed to trigger a Governor’s emergency declaration but in the Adjutant General’s opinion require support from the GEP. The exact amount of any increase in expenditures is unknown since it is dependent on future disasters/emergencies, but it is anticipated that it will be minimal enough to be absorbed without a need to increase the General Fund appropriation given that the unobligated balance in the Governor’s Emergency Program as of December 31, 2014 was \$7,653,446.

2015 Legislative Bill Proposal Fiscal Note

Bill Proposal #: LB55

State Agency: Military Department-Emergency Management Agency

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Estimate of Fiscal Impact – State Agencies

	FY 2014 - 2015		FY 2015 - 2016		FY 2016 -2017	
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue
General Funds	See remarks below					
Cash Funds						
Federal Funds						
Other Funds						
Total Funds						

Explanation of Estimate:

Current statutes allow up to \$25,000 to be spent out of the Governor’s Emergency Program without a state of emergency declaration issued by the Governor for aerial fire suppression or hazardous material response per event. During the last legislative session this limit was increased from \$10,000 by the passage of LB390.

LB55 would remove the limitation of only aerial fire suppression or hazardous material response and open the option to any emergency situation requiring an emergency declaration. The exact amount of any increase in expenditures is unknown since it is dependent on future events which cannot be predicted. Actual expenditures for aerial fire suppression events under this statute were zero for FY2013-14 and were \$43,000 during FY2012-13. None of these events exceeded the \$10,000 limit in effect that that time. Based on historical experience an increase in expenditures would be minimal enough to be absorbed without a need to increase the appropriation.