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LB 1160

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$10,000,000			

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

LB1160 would appropriate \$10,000,000 of Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan to the Department of Environment and Energy. Funds would be used to issue grants for reverse osmosis systems in community water systems and private wells where nitrate levels are above ten parts per million.

We have no basis to disagree with NDEE’s estimate for administrative costs relating to this program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1160	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Environment and Energy	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Environment and Energy’s fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 1160. The \$10 million in revenue is showing the allocated ARPA appropriation and not an additional source of federal funding. The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation. Technical Note: The language in LB 1160 does not provide the level of detail necessary to enact the appropriation intended.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1160 REVISED

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Environment and Energy

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	_____	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u>	_____	<u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u>	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1160 is appropriating \$10,000,000 from federal ARPA Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Environment and Energy to award grants for small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems in community water systems and private wells.

Section 1(2)(b) states that any grant awarded pursuant to this section shall be coordinated and administered by the Department of Environment and Energy in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. NDEE estimates there would be between 500 to 1,300 private wells and zero to five community applicants. It would take two full-time FTEs to establish a program and maintain the program. NDEE has prepared this fiscal note assuming LB1160 intends to pay the department's administrative costs from the appropriated \$10 million federal ARPA Funds. If that is not accurate, NDEE recommends clarifying language be added to the bill to specify how NDEE costs will be covered. Currently this activity is not eligible under other federal funds.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Environmental Specialist II	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>\$44,910</u>	<u>\$44,910</u>
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Benefits.....			<u>\$26,946</u>	<u>\$26,946</u>
Operating.....			<u>\$33,234</u>	<u>\$33,234</u>
Travel.....			_____	_____
Capital outlay.....			_____	_____
Aid.....			<u>\$4,850,000</u>	<u>\$4,850,000</u>
Capital improvements.....			_____	_____
TOTAL.....			<u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u>