COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.:   3640-01
Bill No.:   HB 1344
Subject: Fire Protection; Counties
Type: Original
Date: March 15, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the assessment and collection of volunteer fire protection association fees in Douglas County.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	**0**	**0**	**0**

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed $100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed $100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety** and the **State Tax Commission** assume there would be no fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from the **Eastern Douglas County Volunteer Fire Department** state they would be in favor of this proposal and it would be helpful to all the association fire departments. The only recourse the department has at present is to bill the respective insurance company, providing there is insurance. This is only moderately successful because most insurance companies have a $500.00 limit for fire response.

Officials from **Douglas County** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

Officials from **E76 EE Volunteer Fire Department**, **Skyline Area Volunteer Fire Department**, and **Twin Bridges Rural Volunteer Fire Department** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes this proposal, as written, is enabling legislation and would require a citizen petition to the County Commission, and would require voter approval before there would be fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes if a County would collect the membership fees for a volunteer fire department the County Collector would have some administrative fiscal impact from preparing the personal property tax bill to include the membership fee. Oversight assumes the Collector would have some programming costs to include the fee on the tax bill.

Oversight assumes that the Collector would realize some administrative impact in distribution of the fee. Oversight assumes that impact would be insignificant.

Oversight for the purposes of this fiscal note assumes any additional costs would be insignificant and will show fiscal impact as zero.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	__$0__	__$0__	__$0__

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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government FY 2011 FY 2012 FY 2013
(10 Mo.)

$0 $0 $0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

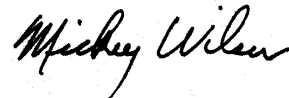The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
    -Division of Fire Safety
State Tax Commission
Eastern Douglas County Volunteer Fire Department

NOT RESPONDING

Douglas County
E76 EE Volunteer Fire Department
Skyline Area Volunteer Fire Department
Twin Bridges Rural Volunteer Fire Department

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