# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

### **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.:</u> 3646-01 <u>Bill No.:</u> HB 1547

Subject: Civil Procedure; Liability

Type: Original

Date: February 21, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal limits liability for damage, injury, or loss caused by a

prescribed burn or the resulting smoke of a prescribed burn.

# FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Conservation Commission Fund	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Conservation Commission Fund	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS						
FUND AFFECTED	JND AFFECTED FY 2021 FY 2022 FY					
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0			

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture**, **Department of Natural Resources**, **Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety**, **Office of Administration**, and **Office of the Attorney General** each assume this proposal will have no direct fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** assume this proposal has an unknown fiscal impact but likely less than \$100,000 due to cost of potentially modifying the current workshop format into a certification program, tracking participants, conducting additional workshops, and continuing education/training costs.

**Oversight** shows Less than (\$100,000) cost to the Conservation Commission Fund (0609) for this proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND (0609)			
<u>Cost</u> - Conservation workshop modifications	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND (0609)	Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u>	Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u>	Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

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## **FISCAL DESCRIPTION**

## § 537.354 - Prescribed burning liability

The proposed legislation reduces liability for landowners performing prescribed burns in accordance with plans approved by the Department of Conservation. It appears to have no direct fiscal impact on local government.

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 Natural Resources
Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety
Office of Administration
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Conservation

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