COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: SB 1052

Subject: Liability

Type: Original

<u>Date</u>: April 18, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> 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 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the Office of Administration, Division of Facilities Management Design and Construction, Department of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation assume no fiscal impact to their agency.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

The act creates a time limit for claims made for damages to underground facilities in the event that such damage was incurred during excavation. The act asserts that such a claim shall be made within ninety days of the facility repairs being completed and no longer than one hundred twenty days after the excavator notifies the owner of the underground facility that damage has occurred. The act does not extend the time limit to excavators who cause damage but do not provide notice of that damage, those who conceal damage, or those who make unauthorized repairs to the underground facility.

The act directs any excavator who has been presented with a claim to pay within one hundred twenty days after the claim has been received. If such claim is disputed, the excavator shall put in writing reasons for the dispute and deliver it to the underground facility owner within one hundred twenty days after the claim has been received.

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 Transportation
Department of Conservation
Office of Administration
Division of Facilities Management Design & Construction

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