

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1931-01
Bill No.: SB 446
Subject: Appropriations; Agriculture; Economic Development; Economic Development Department; Employees - Employers; Business and Commerce
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Bill Summary: This proposal provides that the Department of Economic Development shall disburse development grants to rural regional development grants.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue	\$0 to (\$5,000,000)	\$0 to (\$5,000,000)	\$0 to (\$5,000,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0 to (\$5,000,000)	\$0 to (\$5,000,000)	\$0 to (\$5,000,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0 to \$5,000,000	\$0 to \$5,000,000	\$0 to \$5,000,000

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** assume this authorizes Department of Economic Development to issue grants up to \$5 million per fiscal year for rural regional development, subject to appropriations. This proposal has no impact on General or Total State Revenue.

Officials at the **Department of Economic Development (DED)** assume this proposal establishes a Rural Regional Development Grant program, subject to appropriation, not to exceed \$5 million per fiscal year. DED's Division of Business and Community Services will develop and implement the program. Regional Planning Commissions submit applications on behalf of rural regional development groups. Grant amounts are awarded at \$150,000 per grant with only two grants awarded per region. Grants are to be matched by the rural regional development group depending on the number of years in operation. DED may promulgate rules for the program.

DED assumes an unknown negative impact to state revenues based on the amount appropriated not to exceed \$5 million. BCS assumes the need for one additional FTE and related costs to administer the program. This FTE would be an Economic Development Incentive Specialist III (\$41,016) and would be responsible for reviewing the applications to make sure they meet the criteria of the grant program, authorizing and issuing the grant awards, and ensuring compliance with the program.

Officials at the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** and the **Office of Administration - Division of Accounting** each assume there is no fiscal impact to their organization from this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Oversight assumes this proposal allows, subject to appropriation, up to \$5 million to be used for rural regional development grants. Since this proposal is subject to appropriation, Oversight will reflect the impact as \$0 to \$5,000,000. Since this proposal does not indicate a funding source, Oversight will reflect General Revenue as the funding source. Oversight will also reflect the rural regional development funds receiving this money.

Due to the limited number of organizations that could receive this grant, **Oversight** assumes the Department of Economic Development could absorb this program with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - Department of Economic Development - issuance of rural regional development grants</u>	\$0 to <u>(\$5,000,000)</u>	\$0 to <u>(\$5,000,000)</u>	\$0 to <u>(\$5,000,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	\$0 to <u>(\$5,000,000)</u>	\$0 to <u>(\$5,000,000)</u>	\$0 to <u>(\$5,000,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
RURAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS			
<u>Transfer In - from General Revenue - receipt of the grants</u>	\$0 to <u>\$5,000,000</u>	\$0 to <u>\$5,000,000</u>	\$0 to <u>\$5,000,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON RURAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS	\$0 to <u>\$5,000,000</u>	\$0 to <u>\$5,000,000</u>	\$0 to <u>\$5,000,000</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act mandates that the Department of Economic Development shall disburse rural regional development grants to qualified rural regional development groups, subject to an appropriation not to exceed five million dollars each year. A group must meet certain criteria in order to qualify for a grant, and applications for a grant shall only be submitted by a legally created regional planning commission. A single grant shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and each region shall not receive more than two grants.

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 Economic Development
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Office of Administration
 Budget and Planning
 Division of Accounting
Office of the Secretary of State



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