



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 127** SLS 25RS 295

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Date: April 24, 2025	11:57 AM	Author: BASS
Dept./Agy.: Department of Environmental Quality		
Subject: Permits for advanced nuclear power generation		Analyst: Richie Anderson

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

EG NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to permitting for advanced nuclear power generation. (8/1/25)

Present law authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to implement a program to expedite processing of permits, modifications, registrations, or variances for environmental permit applicants. Proposed law adds that the secretary is to institute a federal permitting parity program for advanced nuclear power generation applications submitted by electric public utilities. Proposed law provides that the utility company submit that the application is for development and construction of a small modular reactor and is consistent with a letter of collaboration entered into between the applicant and the federal government.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to develop and implement a federal permitting parity program. Proposed law will allow public electric utility facilities to process their modular nuclear reactor permits with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and expedite their air, water, and waste permits with DEQ. The department has already established an expedited permitting process and anticipates being able to implement the proposed law with current staff and resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}



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