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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 786** HLS 15RS 1411
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMN EG +\$700,000 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Increases inspection and supervision fees

Present law requires certain motor carriers and public utilities subject to the Public Service Commission (PSC) pay certain fees associated with regulating their industry. Present law also requires such fees be paid quarterly and in a certain amount per \$1,000 of gross receipts of carriers regulated by PSC. Excess fee collections are credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and are then subject to appropriation by the legislature in subsequent years.

Proposed law increases the fees from the present law by \$0.07 per \$1,000 for gross receipts from \$1,000 to \$100,000,000 and \$0.075 per \$1,000 for gross receipts over \$100,000,000. Proposed law provides for any fees collected in excess of what is required to operate the program to be paid back to the respective motor carrier or public utility in the form of a rebate.

Effective July 1, 2015.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$3,500,000
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$3,500,000

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed law increases the fees paid by common motor carriers and public utilities to the Public Service Commission (PSC) based on gross tax receipt levels. The commission estimates that revenue for the Utility Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund will increase by \$700,000 annually starting in FY 16 and continuing in subsequent fiscal years. The projected totals are based on the bill’s proposed fee increases and fee collection averages over the last 5 years.

The proposed legislation also provides for a rebate of any excess fees collected by the program to the respective motor carrier or public utility within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year. This requirement should not impact the PSC as the agency currently has an existing policy in place to return unexpended fees to the motor carrier/public utility under Resolution No. 03-2015. However, the current resolution does not include the 90-day requirement.

Some of the anticipated uses of these additional resources include increased operational expenses (retirement contributions, office rent, supplies), creation of a new Motor Carrier tracking system and new computers equipped to handle the new Motor Carrier system.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

☐ 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {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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