



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 190 of the 131st G.A. (LSC 131 0941-2) **Date:** December 17, 2015
Status: In House Public Utilities **Sponsor:** Reps. Burkley and Brown

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Contents: Permits counties to adopt resolutions establishing an alternative setback for wind farms

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Under the bill, boards of county commissioners may adopt by resolution an alternative setback requirement for wind farms. As a consequence, counties opting to do so may incur a minimal administrative cost to come up with requirements and adopt such a resolution.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits a board of county commissioners to adopt by resolution an alternative setback requirement for a wind farm under which a turbine must be: (1) 1,125 feet in horizontal distance from the tip of the turbine's nearest blade at 90 degrees to the exterior of the nearest, habitable, residential structure on adjacent property; and (2) a horizontal distance from the property line equal to 110% of the wind turbine's height. The bill allows the county board to consult with the Ohio Power Siting Board before adopting the resolution. This may result in some additional administrative costs for counties that choose to utilize these requirements and adopt a resolution.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill eliminates an extension of the qualified energy project property tax exemption that was in the As Introduced version of the bill. The substitute bill thereby eliminates potential property tax revenue losses attributable to advanced energy (i.e., clean coal technology, advanced nuclear technology, or cogeneration technology) electric generation projects. The potential revenue losses eliminated by the substitute bill would have been permissive for counties, but not for other political subdivisions.