



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 190 of the 131st G.A.
(LSC 131 0941-4)

Date: May 17, 2016

Status: In House Public Utilities

Sponsor: Reps. Burkley and Brown

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Contents: Creates an alternative wind farm setback when interconnecting wind farms to a transmission system

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) within the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to adopt rules prescribing an alternative minimum setback for wind farms. As a consequence, OPSB may incur a very minimal administrative cost to come up with rules. Any costs would be paid from the Power Siting Board Fund (Fund 5610).

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) within the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to adopt rules prescribing an alternative minimum setback requirement for a wind farm under which a turbine must be a horizontal distance from the property line equal to 110% of the wind turbine's height. In order for the OPSB to adopt these rules, the wind farm must be located in the Ohio wind corridor and for there to have been a process initiated with a regional transmission organization to interconnect the wind farm to an electric transmission system. This may result in a very minimal cost for OPSB to adopt these rules. Any expenses would be paid from the Power Siting Board Fund (Fund 5610) which receives revenue from application fees and associated expenses submitted by companies seeking certificates to build or expand large electric generating plants or electric or gas transmission lines.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill requires the OPSB to adopt rules prescribing an alternative minimum setback for turbines operating on certain wind farms (either an economically significant one, or a large one in the Ohio wind corridor) instead of a board of county commissioners. Any costs incurred by OPSB to adopt rules would be paid from Fund 5610.

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