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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	96,988	129,317
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	41,530	55,374

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill alters environmental justice (EJ) laws enforced by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), resulting in both costs and a revenue gain to the agency beginning in FY 24. It is expected that DEEP would assess fees in an amount to cover their costs.

The bill results in costs to the state of \$138,518 in FY 24 (adjusting for the effective date of the bill) and \$184,691 in FY 25 as it requires DEEP to hire two Environmental Analyst 2 positions to handle the technical permitting requirements. Of this total, there would be \$96,988 in salary costs to DEEP in FY 24 and \$41,530 for fringe benefits. The FY 25 costs

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

would be \$129,317 to DEEP for the two staff salaries and \$55,374 for their fringe benefits.

The bill also results in a revenue gain to DEEP beginning in FY 24 as it authorizes the agency to assess a reasonable fee to cover the costs associated with implementation of the EJ program and provision of technical assistance related to permit issuance required under the law.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to changes in employee wages and benefits.