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sHB-5355

AN ACT CONCERNING THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE UPPER
FARMINGTON RIVER VALLEY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which addresses the flow of the upper Farmington River, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to take action to promote optimum flow for multiple listed purposes. The department currently monitors flow and makes release requests for several of the specified purposes. DEEP does not require additional resources to monitor flow for the remaining specified purposes (flood risk reduction and safety, and hydropower) because that is determined by other entities, which will not be impacted by the bill.

DEEP also has the necessary expertise to prepare and submit the required report by January 1, 2025.

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Municipal Impact: None