

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0084.02 (001): Revise liability, training for prescribed fires					
Primary Sponsor:	y Sponsor: Steve Gist		Status:	As Amended in House Committee	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		☐ Needs to be included in HB 2		☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts		☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
FISCAL SUMMARY					
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact General Fund Bala	ance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

HB 84, as amended, allows the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) to implement a prescribed fire management certification program, establishes a new special revenue account (fund) for the development of the program, and requires the DNRC to conduct a study of prescribed fire liability. HB 84 also contains a contingency provision, stating the Liability provision in section 5 has an effective date of either January 1, 2026, or when a legislative appropriation is made in the new fund, whichever date is later. The DNRC would not implement the prescribed fire management certification program until section 5 takes effect.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

- 1. The DNRC assumes any legislative appropriation in the new fund described in section 7, for the purpose of developing and administering a prescribed fire manager certification program, would only be made available after the DNRC successfully completes the study described in section 8, and after money is deposited in the fund sufficient to support the appropriation.
- 2. The DNRC has existing staff who would conduct the study and rulemaking within existing budgetary appropriations; therefore, there is no new fiscal impact expected from HB 84.

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Budget Director's Initials

2/17/2025 Date