



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1394

PRINTER'S NO: 2055

PRIME SPONSOR: Houghton

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Government Funds	\$0	See Analysis
Revenue Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Government Funds	\$0	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1394 would allow owners of land with preferential assessments to devote or lease the land for wind power generation systems, non-coal surface mining, or for the exploration and removal of oil and gas. According to this bill, roll-back taxes would be due only on the portion of land used for such activities, whereas current law would require roll-back to be paid on the entire portion of land with preferential assessments when a portion of the land is dedicated for non-agricultural use.

The addition of Section 8.1 would take effect in 60 days (relating to removal of land from preferential assessment). (The remainder would take effect immediately).

ANALYSIS:

This bill could increase local government revenues to the extent that owners of land with preferential assessments use or lease their land for wind power generation, non-coal surface mining, or exploration or removal of oil and gas. It should be noted that although revenue could be generated, the amount would be less than the amount that could be generated if roll-back taxes would be due on the entire property with preferential assessments. It cannot be determined at this time what the exact amount of revenue that could be generated is due to the fact that it cannot be determined how many land owners will decide to use or lease their land for such activity. There would be no adverse fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.

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