



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2478

PRINTERS NO. 4042

PRIME SPONSOR: Adolph

AS AMENDED BY: A09483

Project Types	Fund	Debt Financed Authorizations	Current Revenues Authorizations
Public Improvement	Capital Facilities	\$949,966,000	
Furniture and Equipment	Capital Facilities	\$19,600,000	
Transportation Assistance	Capital Facilities	\$554,771,000	
Redevelopment Assistance	Capital Facilities	\$1,512,030,000	
Flood Control	Capital Facilities	\$62,502,000	
Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund	Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation		\$24,040,000
Environmental Stewardship Fund Current Revenue	Environmental Stewardship		\$13,840,000
State Forestry Bridge	Oil Company Franchise Tax Revenues		\$9,060,000
Motor License Fund	Motor License		\$407,500,000
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission	Fish and Boat	\$15,093,000	
	Totals:	\$3,113,962,000	\$454,440,000

SUMMARY: Provides for the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2014-15. The Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act provides the framework for the capital budget process in Pennsylvania, including the itemization of projects under the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act and setting of annual debt limits under the Capital Budget Act.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 2478 is the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of FY 2014-2015. It establishes the categories under which capital projects may be funded, in part or in whole, through the issuance of general obligation debt or current revenue. The types of projects in House Bill 2478 are: Public Improvement projects, Furniture and Equipment projects, Transportation Assistance projects, Redevelopment Assistance projects, Flood Control projects, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund projects, Environmental Stewardship Fund projects, State Forestry Bridge projects, Motor License Fund projects, and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation itemizes capital projects in the aggregate amount of \$3,568,402,000. Of this amount, \$3,113,962,000 would be funded from debt and \$454,440,000 would be funded from current revenues. Debt service for debt-funded projects would be paid from the General Fund in the form of annual appropriations to the Treasury for general obligation debt service.

Capital projects included in this bill that are debt financed are financed by the sale of bonds. In addition to the amortization of the bonds, an additional cost to the Commonwealth is the interest on the bonds that are sold. The cost to the General Fund cannot be determined at this time because the size of any future bond issue is dependent on the dollar amount of capital projects released for funding by the Governor and dependent on the interest rate at the time of the sale of such bonds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.