



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1096

PRINTERS NO. 1846

PRIME SPONSOR: White

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	\$0
Municipal Authority Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"
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SUMMARY: Amends the Eminent Domain Code to address the reimbursement amount available for appraisal, attorney and engineering fees. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 26 (Eminent Domain Code) to clarify that the amount available to a condemnee (i.e., the person whose property is taken via eminent domain) for reimbursement of appraisal, attorney and engineering fees is limited to \$4,000 per property, regardless of right, title or interest.

The legislation restricts the reimbursement amount to no more than \$1,000 per property, regardless of right, title or interest, where the taking is for an easement relating to underground piping for water or sewer infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The legislation would provide the potential for some savings for municipalities and municipal authorities as reimbursement amounts to real property owners would be limited to \$1,000 for professional services where eminent domain is necessary for an easement related to underground piping for water or sewer infrastructure.

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