



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 479

PRINTERS NO. 437

PRIME SPONSOR: Gordner

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 479, Printer's Number 437, designates the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Resource Management Center in Columbia County as the Edward W. Helfrick Resource Management Center.

ANALYSIS: This bill designates the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Resource Management Center, located in the Weiser State Forest in Conyngham Township, Columbia County, as the Edward W. Helfrick Resource Management Center. The Roaring Creek Tract of the Weiser State Forest in Northumberland and Columbia Counties was established in 2003. Senator Helfrick was instrumental in the transfer of this land from a private company to the Commonwealth to establish the Roaring Creek Tract and provide additional outdoor recreational opportunities and to preserve the land in an undeveloped state.

The legislation directs the Department of General Services to erect and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall maintain appropriate signage to indicate the designation of the Edward W. Helfrick Resource Management Center.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: As directed by SB 479, the Department of General Services and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) coordinated on this project and it was determined that DCNR's Bureau of Forestry staff will make necessary changes to the center's signage; DCNR staff are equipped and on location to do so. It is projected that the cost to DCNR for the initial sign will be \$2,500, while any ongoing maintenance costs will be covered as part of the agency's existing operations.

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