

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 328 (Proposed Committee Substitute) D.O.T. Right-of-Way Plan Filing

SHORT TITLE: D.O.T. Right-of-Way Plan Filing

SPONSOR(S): Senators Wellons; Gulley and Lucas

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES	\$1160	\$2320	\$2320	\$2320	\$2320
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Department of Transportation				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 1, 2000				

BILL SUMMARY: SB 328 allows DOT to transmit right-of-way plans electronically with the approval of the county in which the plans are to be filed. The fee collected from DOT by the register of deeds in each county would change to \$21 for the first page plus \$5 for each additional page from the current charge of \$5 per page.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: DOT estimates that there are approximately 145 projects per year for which the additional fees would be relevant. At an additional charge of \$16 for each the annual impact would be \$2320. (The impact for FY1999-2000 would be half this amount.) This assumes that all counties permit the electronic filing. DOT points out that the language of the bill does not address revisions to plans but that even with charges for revisions the impact would not be greater than \$3000 per year. There are likely to be savings from electronic submission of plans but no estimate of these savings is included. DOT is in a pilot project with several counties to test the system and estimate the savings and at this time no estimate of savings is available.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The expenditures would be from TIP funding, which could be either Federal funding or Trust Fund, depending on how the project is funded. Most of these will be 80% Federal funds with a 20% Trust Fund match.

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