

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 19-5691/1		Introduction Number AB-0959	
Description the Public Service Commission's authority to obtain information about Internet service availability, broadband expansion grants, and making an appropriation			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input type="checkbox"/> Village	
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cities			
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		20.155 (1) (g)	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2019 AB 959 provides \$100.0 million in one-time funding for broadband expansion grants to be awarded in fiscal year 2020-2021. The bill also requires electric providers to survey customers on broadband availability and provide the results to the Commission. The Commission must reimburse the electric providers for the costs associated with the survey. 2019 AB 959 also requires internet service providers to disclose to the Commission information on properties served and the average upload and download speeds provided to residential and business customers. The survey results provided by the electric providers and the information provided by internet service providers must be used by the Commission to improve broadband mapping.

The Commission will require additional staff resources to award and administer the additional grant funding. Although 2019 AB 959 provides one-time funding, the work associated with administering these grant funds will span several fiscal years. In order to maintain the integrity of the program, the Commission will need two additional FTE positions to evaluate applications, monitor projects during the grant period and review project results to ensure the objectives were met. The Commission estimates that the salary, fringe and supplies expenditures associated with these two FTE positions to be approximately \$177,000. In addition, staff resources will be needed to collect and analyze the survey results provided by electric utilities and information obtained from internet service providers to ensure that broadband maps can be updated in a meaningful way. The Commission will need one additional FTE position to focus on mapping activities. The Commission estimates that the salary, fringe and supplies expenditures associated with this FTE position to be approximately \$99,000. Finally, additional funds will be needed to reimburse electric providers for the costs associated with surveying customers.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2019 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): \$100,000,000 in one-time funding for Broadband Expansion Grants (Aids to Individuals or Organizations)			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$276,000		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(3.0 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$276,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS	276,000		
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$276,000	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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