

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 630 - HB 1055**

March 5, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Exempts from discharge permit requirements any excavation in support of agricultural activity or timber harvesting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$300/FY23-24/Division of Water Management**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 69-3-120(g), the *Water Quality Control Act* does not apply to any agricultural or forestry activity or the activities necessary to the conduct and operations thereof or to any lands devoted to the production of any agricultural or forestry products unless there is a point source discharge from a discernible, confined, and discrete water conveyance.
- Based on information from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, there have only been a limited number of Construction Stormwater Permits (CGP) issued for agricultural or forestry activities.
- It is assumed that this legislation will result in a decrease of at least one discharge permit, which would be expected to be issued in the absence of this legislation in FY23-24.
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- Permit fees range anywhere from \$250 to \$10,000, based on acreage.
- The exact size of the property that is of subject is unknown, but there will be a decrease in state revenue estimated to exceed \$250.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 69-3-119, permit fees are allocated to the Division of Water Management.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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