

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1948 - HB 2584**

February 9, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to refund one-half of the aquatic resource alteration permit (ARAP) fee to a local government that applies for and receives an ARAP to replace or otherwise maintain a culvert if TDEC inspects the culvert and finds that it complies with applicable state and federal law. Specifies that such reimbursement doesn't apply to a federal permit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue - \$13,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/  
Environmental Protection Fund**

**Decrease Local Expenditures - \$13,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by TDEC, this legislation will impact approximately 50 ARAPs annually, consisting of 25 minor road crossing permits, 18 general permits for regular maintenance, 5 emergency general permits, and 2 individual permits.
- The total permit fees for all such ARAPs is \$27,500.
- There will be a recurring decrease in fee revenue to the Environmental Protection Fund in FY24-25 and subsequent years of \$13,750 (\$27,500 x 50%).
- There will be a recurring decrease in local expenditures in FY24-25 and subsequent years of \$13,750.

**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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