

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1946 - SB 2204

March 3, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes disbursements from the Ocoee River Recreation and Economic Development Fund (Fund) for making payments to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for additional releases of water into the Ocoee River.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables, any increase in state expenditures from the Ocoee River Recreational Economic Development Fund cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the current contract with the TVA for the release of water into the Ocoee is for years 2019-2033, with a maximum liability of \$11,780,000. This cost was set directly by the TVA.
- The current contract was prepaid and funded through the General Fund and allows for up to five additional water release days per year, none of which have been utilized.
- Based upon numerous unknown factors, including but not limited to, the length, terms, and maximum liability of any new contract or contract amendment, any subsequent increase in state expenditures from the Fund cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.
- Based on information provided by TDEC, the Fund had a reserve balance of \$1,274,000 as of June 30, 2023.

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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