

Revised to reflect amendments adopted on General File

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2011-12</b>		<b>FY 2012-13</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	2,000,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>			

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 4 as amended would authorize the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to collaborate with the federal government to carry out a supplemental environmental impact statement for oil pipeline projects within, through or across the state. An oil pipeline would be defined as a pipeline larger than eight inches in inside diameter constructed for the purpose of transporting petroleum, petroleum components, products or wastes, including crude oil. In-field and gathering lines would be exempted from the definition.

DEQ would be allowed to contract with outside vendors in the preparation of the environmental review. Upon completion of the supplemental environmental review, the document would be submitted to the Governor. Upon receipt of the document, the Governor would have thirty days to indicate in writing to the federal government the approval or disapproval of the pipeline route.

DEQ estimates that total costs involving the environmental review and public outreach efforts would total \$2,000,000. All costs would come from the General Fund. DEQ would expend \$400,000 and use existing staff to implement outreach efforts, which would include holding public hearings, maintaining documents and providing a mechanism for interested members of the public to review documents. The remaining \$1,600,000 would be used for consulting costs. The estimate is based upon the assumption of 200 hours of work per week at a cost \$200 per hour for a duration of 39 weeks, resulting in \$1,560,000 in expenses. The remaining \$40,000 in contractual costs would be related to document management services and the development of a system that would allow for the electronic access of information.

It is estimated that costs will occur in both FY11-12 and FY12-13. Unexpended funds existing at the end of FY11-12 would be automatically reappropriated into FY12-13 and would be available for expenditure by DEQ.