

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See below		See below	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

LB 639 gives the Department of Roads the authority to require permits for the control of vegetation in the vicinity of advertising signs, displays, or devices that the department has allowed by permit to be placed along highways. A permit issued under this authorization would allow the cutting, trimming, or spraying of vegetation under controlled conditions.

The fiscal note from the Department of Roads indicates it will take 16 hours to issue a permit and perform inspections at a related cost of \$320 based on \$20 per hour. They indicate that setting the permit at any amount less than this cost will result in the department subsidizing the cost of issuing the permits.

It is reasonable to assume that some time will be spent to issue the permit, visit the site to confirm that vegetation needs to be removed, and perform a follow-up visit to insure that the work was performed as allowed under the permit. In some cases the on-site inspections may be able to be performed by a slight detour from the daily course of traveling from one work site to another and in other cases a special trip may be needed but travel time would not be expected to exceed an hour or two each way. For these reasons the estimate by the department that the equivalent of two full days of work will be required to issue each permit seems excessive. Note also that these costs represent an employee's time charged to this activity but are not actual increases in expenditures.

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 639 revised**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

**Revised** LB 639 provides for the Department of Roads to adopt rules and regulations to provide for the issuance of permits to control vegetation obscuring advertising signage along highways. Such permit shall allow the cutting, trimming or spraying of vegetation under controlled conditions where lawfully placed sign, display or device is obstructed or obscured from vegetation.

Before a permit can be issued NDOR's District ROW Permit Officer must perform an analysis including site review, conservation easement, access options and environmental commitments are estimated at 8 hours. These findings must be reviewed by the District Engineer, ROW Manager, and Planning & Project Development Manager estimated at 3 hours. Post activity site review will be performed by the District Maintenance Supervisor estimated at 5 hours. The results are a total of 16 hours per permit, with an average salary of \$20 per hour, it would have a total cost of \$320 per permit.

If the permit fee is set at \$15, this would result in the Highway Cash Fund being used to cover the expense of this program. No estimate is available on the number of permits that may be issued.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Benefits.....</b>				
<b>Operating.....</b>				
<b>Travel.....</b>				
<b>Capital outlay.....</b>				
<b>Aid.....</b>				
<b>Capital improvements.....</b>				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				