

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1983

**SHORT TITLE:** Rural Water Highway Utility Costs

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Wilkins

**FISCAL IMPACT:**   **Expenditures:**    Increase (X)        Decrease ( )  
                  **Revenues:**            Increase ( )        Decrease ( )  
                  No Impact ( )  
                  No Estimate Available ( )

**FUND AFFECTED:** General Fund ( )   Highway Fund (X)   Local Govt. ( )  
                  Other Funds ( )    Highway Trust Fund (X)

**BILL SUMMARY:** The bill requires the Department of Transportation to pay the nonbetterment costs of moving utilities owned by rural water systems operated by counties as enterprise systems in connection with highway projects.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon ratification

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Transportation,  
Right-of-Way Branch

FISCAL IMPACT

	FY 94-95	FY 95-96	FY 96-97	FY 97-98	FY 98-99
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
GENERAL FUND					
HIGHWAY FUND					
HIGHWAY TRUST FUND					
LOCAL					
<b>EXPENDITURES*</b>	1,825,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

\*Relocation costs will be charged to the project. No additional appropriation is required. Additional costs will reduce funds available for the projects scheduled in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**POSITIONS:**

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** Aydren Flowers, State Utility Agent for the Department of Transportation, identified 43 county owned water systems in the State. Since 1989, counties have incurred \$2,074,000 in costs related to relocating water and sewer lines on highway projects.

This bill would have the State pay this relocation costs for rural water systems operated by counties as enterprise systems.

Mr. Flowers has reviewed projects scheduled for letting through December 1995 and found costs of \$1,825,000 to relocate lines owned by counties.

Of this amount, \$1,250,000 would benefit Currituck County as it relocates its facilities due to a highway project on NC 168. Mr. Flowers also has reviewed projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the period 1996 to 1999 and identified 45 projects that impact county-owned utilities. DOT estimates the cost of relocating county water and sewer facilities will be between \$2 and \$3 million per year. This bill would assist the following counties through 1999:

Halifax, Chowan, Pasquotank, Tyrell, Washington, Pamlico, Duplin, New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow, Johnston, Franklin, Person, Bladen, Robeson, Chatham, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly, Union, Wilkes, Yadkin, Lincoln, and Henderson.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Transportation

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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