

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3287 – SB 3159

May 17, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017123):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Defines “ridgeline” as the elongated crest or a series of crests at the uppermost intersection between two or more opposite slopes or sides of a mountain and includes all surface land within 100 feet below the elevation of any such line or surface. Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from issuing a permit for surface coal mining operations that alter or disturb a ridgeline that is above 2,000 feet elevation above sea level.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - Refusing to adopt federal greenhouse gas emission standards could result in federal sanctions including loss of federal highway funds and funds received from the EPA.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant

Assumption applied to amendment:

- A slight decrease in the number of permits issued or renewed. Any decrease in state revenues associated with a decline in permit issuance is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

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James W. White, Executive Director

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