

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 153 - HB 175**

February 12, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the chief administrative officer (CAO) of a county highway department to remove any obstruction or debris resulting from a natural emergency from any private road or bridge to ensure accessibility for first responders and emergency services personnel to all county residents.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-7-109, the CAO of the county highway department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the county road system, but is prohibited from using any county vehicle, equipment, or supplies for uses other than official county road purposes, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-7-202.
- The proposed legislation would authorize the CAO to remove only debris resulting from a natural emergency from private roads and bridges.
- The CAO is responsible for maintenance of county road systems and currently clears debris from county roads during natural emergencies.
- It is unknown how many CAOs will elect to remove debris from private roads and bridges during instances of natural emergencies and the extent of any work that will be required for removal of such debris; however, any work on private roads and bridges will be conducted in conjunction within the normal course of clearing county roads during a natural emergency.
- Any permissive increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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