



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Am. H.B. 506 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: June 3, 2014

Status: As Reported by House Agriculture and Natural Resources

Sponsor: Reps. Thompson and Cera

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Carbon dioxide emissions standards

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may not create any additional costs for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, as it is expected to incur one-time rule adoption costs if and when the state has to comply with federal carbon dioxide emissions standards for existing electric generating units.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

In 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) began the process of developing guidelines to address carbon emissions from existing coal-fired and gas-fired power plants. As a result of this mandate, states must submit plans to the U.S. EPA by June 30, 2016 containing carbon standards based on the U.S. EPA regulations or guidelines. The bill provides the framework by which the Director of the Ohio EPA will comply with those federal requirements. As the bill simply specifies the priorities of the rule determination process and not the rules themselves, the potential fiscal effects of the future rules are indeterminable. Because the Director of the Ohio EPA will have to adopt rules regardless of the bill, as mandated by the U.S. EPA, the bill itself may not create any discernible, essentially one-time, administrative costs.

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