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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 492 (Senators Jacobs and Hooper)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Task Force to Study a Statewide 800 Megahertz Communications System

This bill creates an 18-member Task Force to Study a Statewide 800 Megahertz Communications System to study and evaluate: (1) funding issues associated with implementation of such a system; (2) procedures for managing and maintaining such a system; (3) physical inventory of State and local infrastructure; and (4) resource sharing agreements with existing communications infrastructure owners. The Department of Legislative Services is required to provide staffing to the task force. The task force must provide a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 1999. The bill is effective July 1, 1999, and terminates after June 30, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources of the entities represented on the task force. Staffing requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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