

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB570

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        May

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title**            Motor vehicle emissions inspections

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill requires the Department of Environmental Quality to operate a program to subsidize repairs of vehicles that fail to meet emissions standards when the owner of the vehicle is financially unable to have the vehicle repaired. The cost of implementing and operating the program are to be borne by the agency's Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program Fund. The bill also requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to release vehicle owner data to the Department of Environmental Quality (upon its request) in connection with enforcement actions involving on-road testing of motor vehicles. The bill requires the State Air Pollution Control Board to establish separate and distinct emissions standards applicable to on-road testing of motor vehicles, with such criteria being applicable to all motor vehicles manufactured for the 1968 model year or any more recent model year (except for any motor vehicle registered as an antique motor vehicle), with criteria for each model year being appropriate to that model year. In addition, the bill includes provisions for the expedited identification of "gross violators" of motor vehicle emissions standards. The bill also would reduce from 90 days to 30 calendar days the time given to owners of vehicles found by on-road testing to not be in compliance with the emissions standards to either show that the vehicles have passed as subsequent emissions inspection, qualify for waivers, or have been given waivers.

**6. Fiscal impact:** Fiscal impact estimates are final.

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	\$0	0.00	n/a
2002-03	\$0	0.00	n/a
2003-04	\$285,000	2.00	NGF(0919)

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	\$0	0.00	n/a
2002-03	\$0	0.00	n/a
2003-04	\$0	0.00	n/a

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** The conferees included a language amendment authorizing the Department of Environmental Quality to use up to \$300,000 each year from the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Fund to implement the provision of this bill. The Department of Planning and Budget can provide the necessary appropriation administratively.

- 8. Fiscal implications:** According to the Department of Environmental Quality, the agency would need two additional positions to implement the new assistance program. The positions would be responsible for evaluating eligibility and processing payments for repairs subsidies. The agency estimates that \$285,000 annually could be made available for the assistance program. This includes \$100,000 for salaries and benefits for the two additional positions, \$35,000 for program support costs (supplies, equipment, printing, public information, postage, etc.), and \$150,000 for assistance payments.

There could be additional costs to the Department of Motor Vehicles associated with the requirement that the agency release vehicle owner data to the Department of Environmental Quality (upon its request) in connection with enforcement actions involving on-road testing of motor vehicles. However, DPB cannot estimate the amount of any such potential costs.

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Motor Vehicles.

- 10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

- 11. Other comments:** None.

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