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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6562

BILL NUMBER: HB 1439

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Termination of emissions testing program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bottorff

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the Air Pollution Control Board from adopting rules to require motor vehicles emissions testing in Clark, Floyd, Porter, and Lake Counties. The bill voids the current rule that requires such testing. It repeals a reference to emissions inspection stations in Clark and Floyd Counties.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Auto Emission Testing Program expended \$6.9 M in FY 2002. Of this total \$257,192 was for personal services and over \$6.6 M was for grants, distributions and subsidies. The program received \$1.5 M in federal funding in FY 2001 and \$300,000 in FY 2002. Federal funding is not expected for this program for the upcoming biennium.

IDEM requested \$7.9 M per year for the Auto Emissions Program for the 2003-2005 biennium. Eliminating the program could reduce expenditures by \$7.9 per year. IDEM has a ten-year contract, which expires in December 2006, with Envirotest to conduct the tests. (There is no fee assessed vehicle owners for the test.) Nine testing sites exist: seven in the northern part of the state; one in Clark County; and one in Floyd County. The two sites in the southern part of the state test 50,000 vehicles per year. Sites in the northern part of the state test 150,000 vehicles per year.

Four IDEM staff members are funded with the program budget at a requested \$171,990 per year, or about \$43,000 per employee per year, for the 2003-2005 biennium.

Background Information: The federal Clean Air Act mandated that Indiana implement a vehicle emission testing program as an ozone control measure for Lake, Porter, Clark, and Floyd Counties in order to help

reduce emissions of mobile sources of volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide, which form ozone. Currently, cars are tested once every two years. The four newest model years are exempt from testing.

Explanation of State Revenues: IDEM receives about \$25 M to implement federal mandates pertaining to air quality. If the state fails to comply with federal law, it could lose federal dollars.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Clark and Floyd Counties may no longer be eligible to receive grants for auto emission testing.

State Agencies Affected: IDEM.

Local Agencies Affected: Clark, Floyd, Porter, and Lake Counties.

Information Sources: IDEM budget request for the 2003-2005 biennium; IDEM presentation to the Environmental Quality Service Council, September 12, 2002.

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