FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 159

Committee: Agriculture and Forestry
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Senate Bill 159 as passed the Senate would decrease utility gross receipts (UGR) tax and utility service use (USU) tax receipts to the Education Trust Fund (ETF) by an estimated maximum of $2.3 million annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 and ending in Fiscal Year 2029, based on information provided by the Auburn University Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department, by exempting electricity used for commercial greenhouses, pivot irrigation systems, and poultry houses from these taxes.

This bill would further decrease UGR and USU tax receipts to the ETF, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 and ending in Fiscal Year 2029, by an undetermined amount dependent upon the cost and amount of natural gas used for commercial greenhouses, pivot irrigation systems, and poultry houses which would be exempted from these taxes by this bill.

This bill would also further decrease UGR and USU tax receipts to the ETF, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 and ending in Fiscal Year 2029, by an undetermined amount dependent upon the cost and amount of electricity and natural gas used for commercial aquaculture aeration systems which would be exempted from these taxes by this bill.