

SF2676 - 2E - Southwest Light Rail Project Special Review

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

Section 1 of SF 2676-2E requires the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) to conduct a special review, program evaluation, or a combination of the two of the Southwest light rail transit project costs, cost overruns, scope changes, delays, personnel qualifications, construction quality, and management.

Section 2 of SF 2676-2E appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to OLA for the purposes of section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.

Assumptions

A special review of the project has already started and will be completed using existing resources. Additionally, if a program evaluation is necessary, OLA will have time to include the topic in the annual evaluation selection process and it would take the place of one of the evaluations typically authorized by the Legislative Audit Commission. No additional funds would be necessary.

Section 2 of the bill appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to OLA. While OLA could conduct a special review and/or program evaluation with existing resources, this appropriation would enable OLA to hire an outside consultant with expertise in large transit projects. If the funds are not used, they would be returned to the general fund.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N/A

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

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