



153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE

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**BILL:** SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR SENATE BILL 64  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Hocker  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE AND CO2 EMISSIONS TRADING PROGRAM AUCTION PROCEEDS.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor and takes effect on January 1, 2027.
2. This Act requires the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to create and administer a rebate program for retail electric customers. To fund this rebate program, this Act maintains the overall amount of proceeds directed from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) at 2025 levels and directs DNREC to forward proceeds above the 2025 levels to the rebate program for the reduction of energy costs to customers.
3. This Act expands upon the duties of DNREC by requiring DNREC staff to promulgate regulations, negotiate and manage contractual agreements and track, manage, and report expenditures. To implement the provisions of this Act, DNREC anticipates the need for the following resources:
  - a. 1.0 Appropriated Special Fund (ASF) FTE Planner IV. Associated personnel funding is estimated at \$92,405 including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 33.41% for Fiscal Year 2027.
  - b. Ongoing operational costs, including supplies and contractual services (administrative, technology, and lease costs), are estimated at \$1,580.
  - c. One-Time costs associated with the new position, including a computer and workstation, are estimated at \$7,300.
4. It is unknown if the future RGGI CO2 allowance proceeds will exceed those of the 2025 levels, so it is unknown if this program would move forward in future years.
5. Lastly, the Fiscal Year 2027 personnel costs have been estimated for nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary and OECs.

**Cost:**

	<b>Ongoing ASF</b>	<b>One-Time</b>
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$92,405	\$7,300
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$125,102	
Fiscal Year 2029:	\$127,573	

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