SB-1030
AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUDIT PERIOD FOR THE TRANSFER OF HAZARDOUS WASTE ESTABLISHMENTS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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<th>Agency Affected</th>
<th>Fund-Effect</th>
<th>FY 20 $</th>
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<td>Department of Energy and</td>
<td>GF - Potential</td>
<td>332,646</td>
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<td>Environmental Protection</td>
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<td>State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits</td>
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Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill shortens the general audit window for Transfer Act verifications, from three years to 60 days, after a licensed environmental professional (LEP) submits a final verification to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) stating that an establishment has been remediated according to specific standards. Currently, two DEEP staff reviews an average of approximately 78 verifications annually.

In order to meet the shortened audit timeframe required by the bill, from three years to 60 days, it is expected that DEEP would need to hire five new staff for creation of an audit unit. To this extent, the bill’s provisions will result in costs to DEEP of $332,646 in FY 20 and $344,289 in FY 21. The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

1 There is currently 361 LEP’s submitting Transfer Act verifications to DEEP.

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$344,289 in FY 21 to hire two Environmental Analysts II positions, two Environmental Analyst III positions, and one Supervising Environmental Analyst position. There are additional costs of $137,017 in FY 20 and $141,812 in FY 21 for fringe benefits associated with the five new positions in the new unit.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.