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SB-323

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL TREE REMOVAL
ACCOUNT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes the “municipal tree removal account” as a separate, nonlapsing account of the General Fund. A funding source for the account, however, is not identified. It requires the Department Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to fund municipal grants for the removal of dead, dying, and hazardous trees from municipal property and roads.

Assuming that: (1) there are 169 municipalities that could apply to the account for grants; and (2) the average range for municipal tree removal ranges from an estimated \$250 to \$800; annual grant awards from the newly established account could be significant if a funding source were established to make the grant payments.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the funding source identified to make grant payments and any changes to the assumptions outlined above.