

State Expenditures

Reducing the frequency by which the emission testing program is audited will both reduce costs overall, and shift workload and expenditures among various fiscal years beginning in FY 2015-16.

OSA. The OSA currently contracts for the AIR program audit, at a cost of approximately \$140,000, every three years. Moving the audit from a three-year to a five-year cycle will reduce costs for this function in FY 2015-16 but increase costs in FY 2017-18. However, the OSA does not receive a separate appropriation for this function, instead using ongoing appropriations to cover all required audit functions. Therefore, no change in appropriations is warranted.

CDPHE. The CDPHE is responsible for the technical aspects of the program, including maintaining and analyzing emissions inspection data, reporting emissions data to the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, and administering licensing tests for emissions inspectors and mechanics. The CDPHE works closely with the OSA and contracted firms to provide relevant information for audit purposes; the audit generally takes about seven months to complete. Lessening the audit frequency from every three years to every five years will change the frequency with which the CDPHE must provide information for audit purposes and will reduce workload in those years where an audit would have otherwise occurred under current law.

DOR. The DOR is responsible for the oversight of the emissions testing facilities including issuing facility and inspector licenses and performing periodic audits of emissions inspection facilities to ensure compliance with rules and regulations. The DOR provides information that is used during the audit of the AIR program; however, the DOR is not the focus of the audit. Lessening the audit frequency from every three years to every five years will change the frequency with which the DOR must provide information for audit purposes and will reduce workload in those years where an audit would have otherwise occurred under current law.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

No adjustments in appropriations are required as a result of this bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

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