

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1420 **Patron:** Whittle
Bill Title: Direct the Director of the Department of Energy to identify and develop training resources to advance workforce development in the nuclear energy industry.

Bill Summary: Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to identify and develop training resources to advance workforce development in the nuclear energy industry.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 109
Explanation: This bill would create new expenses for the Department of Energy.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will result in up to \$100,000 of start-up expenses, which can be absorbed with existing general fund resources, and an ongoing general fund impact of \$150,000 per year which cannot be absorbed.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
Energy	-	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: The bill directs Energy to identify and develop training resources to support the nuclear energy industry, including both “soft” and technical skills, for plant operations, engineering, radiation protection, security, and related trades. The bill provides that funding may include existing funding and grant resources. The use of federal grants funds is restricted to support the department’s responsibilities under the terms of the grant or grants awarded. Energy anticipates expenses of up to \$100,000 in contract support for initial stages of assessment and program development, which can be absorbed with existing resources. Additionally, the workload associated with managing the ongoing duties of outreach, education, and administration would be equivalent to one full time employee and result in a \$150,000 annual general fund expenditure.

This impact statement is preliminary and may be updated if additional information becomes available.

Other: None.