

HF303 - 0 - Third-Party Testing by Transit Operator Authorized

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

The bill authorizes certain third-party testing by transit operators by amending Minn. Stat. 171.3213. This bill would allow transit operators who are designated as a third-party testing program to administer road tests to employees of other transit operators, in parallel authority to existing school bus rules. It does not change existing requirements of testers, or the current bilateral agreement in place for school bus companies to test other school bus companies' employees. This bill is effective the date following final enactment.

Assumptions

This bill will slightly increase the auditing demands of exam staff supervisors. Department of Public Safety's Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) expects to include additional demands as part of regular duties. Entities that are currently authorized to conduct commercial driver's license (CDL) road tests will retain that ability and they may charge a fee in any amount paid directly to the third-party tester. Third-party testers will provide their own equipment for conducting testing. DVS will continue to conduct testing for individuals with prosthetics, diabetic restrictions, skills requirements, medical and other waivers. There will be no change to the current policy that third-party testers can provide up to two tests to an individual and if the individual fails the second time, the individual must take the third and any subsequent test through DVS.

Individuals serving as third-party testers will pay any needed background check fees of \$17 to DVS who then provides the fee to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to conduct the background check.

DVS will be able to make minor updates to the bilateral agreement form as part of regular duties.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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