FISCAL NOTE

Bill #:	HB0310	**Title:**	Repeal water quality permit exemption for coal bed methane
Primary Sponsor:	Norma Bixby	**Status:**	As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY2002 Difference	FY2003 Difference
Expenditures:	0	0
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	**0**	**0**

Yes	No		Yes	No	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Environmental Quality

1. Coal bed methane operations with water discharges to state waters will be permitted in the usual permitting program process.
2. Water quality from coal bed methane projects typically does not meet the exemption, so projects still will need a permit in most cases. Therefore, the bill language will not have a significant effect on numbers of permits needed.
3. The current drilling moratorium until an EIS is prepared will delay any new permit applications until it is completed about halfway through the 2003 biennium.