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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0326	Introduced on February 6, 2025
Subject:	South Carolina Emergency Fuel Supply Act	
Requestor:	Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	February 21, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires any fuel station under construction or undertaking significant renovations after January 1, 2025, located within a half mile of a designated evacuation route or located on a state primary highway to install wiring capable of connecting a backup generator to power the station's fuel pumps, cash registers, and essential lighting. Additionally, any operational fuel station that is part of a chain operating ten or more locations in the state must install such wiring by January 1, 2026. Fuel stations subject to these requirements must certify compliance to the Department of Environmental Services (DES), which shall oversee enforcement in coordination with local emergency management officials. There is no expenditure impact to DES since any additional responsibilities required by the bill will be managed with existing staff.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires any fuel station under construction or undertaking significant renovations after January 1, 2025, located within a half mile of a designated evacuation route or located on a state primary highway to install wiring capable of connecting a backup generator to power the station's fuel pumps, cash registers, and essential lighting. Additionally, any operational fuel station that is part of a chain operating ten or more locations in the state must install such wiring by January 1, 2026. Fuel stations subject to these requirements must certify compliance to DES, which shall oversee enforcement in coordination with local emergency management officials. DES reports that any additional responsibilities required by the bill will be managed with existing staff in its Underground Storage Tank Program. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DES.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure & Local Revenue

N/A

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