

State Fiscal Note for Bill Number: 2022-H-6618

Date of State Budget Office Approval: Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Date Requested:

Date Due:

Impact on Expenditures		Impact on Revenues	
FY 2022	\$0	FY 2022	\$0
FY 2023	\$120,000.00	FY 2023	\$0
FY 2024	\$120,000.00	FY 2024	\$0

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This bill amends R.I.G.L. section 45-18-1, entitled "Payments to Fire Companies" and sets forth an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns participating in the Narragansett Bay Marine Task Force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.

The NBMTF was formed in 2011 and is comprised of crew boats from various municipalities that work in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard to respond to emergency calls. Municipalities with boats that are chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and enhanced conventional weapons compliant (CBRNE) and equipped with firefighting capability would receive \$10,000 per community while other municipalities with boats participating in the task force would receive \$6,000 per community. Distribution of funds will be delegated to and administered by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

Comments on Sources of Funds:

This fiscal note assumes the appropriated funds will be in general revenues, but this is not specified in the bill.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

The note assumes an effective date of July 1, 2022 (FY 2023) and, although not specified in the bill, this fiscal note assumes an annual appropriation.

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency has identified that the following municipalities possess boats that are CBRNE compliant and are equipped with firefighting capability; Providence, East Providence, Cranston, Newport, Warwick, and North Kingstown and will receive an annual sum of \$10,000 per community. Boats operated by East Greenwich, Narragansett, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Portsmouth, Middletown, Jamestown, Tiverton, and Little Compton will receive an annual sum of \$6,000 per community.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

If all communities noted in this bill participate in the NBMTF and operate boats, six will receive \$10,000 per community equaling \$60,000 and ten will receive \$6,000 per community equaling \$60,000. The maximum annual cost of this bill equals \$120,000.

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