

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2025 BR NUMBER 1572

SENATE BILL NUMBER 179

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to nuclear energy development, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

**SPONSOR** Senator Danny Carroll

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

STATE FISCAL IMPACT:  YES  NO  UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY:  ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS  
 LOCAL MANDATE  CORRECTIONS IMPACT  HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE  STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: \_\_\_\_\_

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
NET EFFECT			

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** Senate Bill 179 directs the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority to create and implement a Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program. The Authority will select five of its voting members to serve on a grant administration subcommittee. This subcommittee is responsible for creating grant applications, establishing eligibility requirements, setting scoring criteria, and making determinations on grant eligibility and funding, with a maximum grant award of \$2 million.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** Senate Bill 179 does not have a fiscal impact. In House Bill 1 of the 2024 Regular Session, \$20,000,000 from the General Fund was appropriated in each fiscal year to the University of Kentucky for the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority. Senate Bill 179 amends this language to specify that up to \$10,000,000 of these funds may be used to support the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program.

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