

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

MEASURE

2025 BR NUMBER 125

SENATE BILL NUMBER 62

TITLE AN ACT relating to geoengineering.

SPONSOR Senator Steve Rawlings

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

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

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Corrections

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

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

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to create a new offense of criminal atmospheric pollution, which would be a Class D felony and carry an associated \$500,000 civil penalty.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The measure's fiscal impact is indeterminable but could increase incarceration costs for the Department of Corrections. Class D felons serve 1-to-5-year sentences at a cost of \$17,313 annually. A person convicted would also be subject to a \$500,000 civil penalty payable to the Commonwealth. How many offenders may be convicted of the new offense and be subject to the associated sentence and civil penalty is unknown.

DATA SOURCE(S): LRC Staff; Corrections

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