

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 332 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Energy Improvement Program - AB

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Tolson

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Yes ( )      No (X)      No Estimate Available ( )**

**FY 2001-02   FY 2002-03   FY 2003-04   FY 2004-05   FY 2005-06**

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &  
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Administration, State Energy Office

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Under this bill, the State Energy Office will extend its technical assistance program and revolving loan fund to local governments and nonprofit organizations. The interest on loans from the revolving fund will be lowered from a maximum of 5% to a flat 3% rate. The Department of Administration will also adopt rules to permit 1% loans to energy efficient and conservation projects that encourage recycling and renewable energy.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The existing loan fund has approximately \$2.7 million in assets and has outstanding loans of \$140,000. Expanding the loan fund to include local governments and nonprofits will neither increase the size of the fund nor will it increase the cost to administer the fund.

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