



ODA anticipates a minimal fiscal impact associated with the bill in the 2009-11 biennium. The bill will reduce the number of allowable acres burned; however, the Department indicates that it is possible to register more acres than are allowed to be burned. Given this and the fee increases established in the bill, ODA anticipates that the net Other Funds revenue impact will be minimal, even with transferring funds to DEQ for expenditures identified above. ODA anticipates a \$375,626 Other Funds revenue reduction in the 2011-13 biennium as field burning is phased-out, which assumes continued funding for DEQ's part-time field burning position. As a result, the Department expects to reduce expenditures and FTE as needed to accommodate reduced funding to a point. According to ODA, it takes as much effort to run part of a program as a whole program, and the base program requires three positions. Given this, the Department anticipates that they may need to use the cost recovery provisions of the bill to fund the program in the future.