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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3383	Introduced on January 8, 2019
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Subject:	State Forest Land Revenues Shared with Counties	
Requestor:	Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase the Forestry Commission's Other Funds revenue by \$60,966 per year following the implementation of this bill. These funds will be used by the commission for miscellaneous operations and land maintenance.

This bill will reallocate funds from counties, resulting in a net decrease in local revenue of \$60,966. These funds are currently paid to counties as a percentage of proceeds garnered from land rentals and Wildlife Management Area payments on the county's state forest lands.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

Twenty-five percent of gross proceeds from the sale of timber, pulpwood, poles, gravel, land rentals, and any other privileges on state forest lands are transferred from the State Forestry Commission to the county containing the respective state forest. These funds are then used for general school purposes in the school district where the state forest resides. This bill excludes proceeds from land rentals and Wildlife Management Area payments from these funds.

Using data from FY 2008-09 to FY 2017-18 to determine average annual revenue, the Forestry Commission receives approximately \$52,211 per year from land rentals. Of this amount, \$13,053 is currently paid to the counties where the land is located. The Forestry Commission receives \$191,653 from Wildlife Management Area payments. Of this amount, \$47,913 is currently allocated to the counties where the area is located. As a result of this bill, the Forestry Commission's Other Funds revenue will increase by approximately \$60,966 per year. These funds will be used for miscellaneous operations and land maintenance.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

This bill will reallocate funds from counties to the Forestry Commission. Using data from FY 2008-09 to FY 2017-18 to determine the average annual revenue to counties resulting from land

rentals and Wildlife Management Area payments, county revenue will decrease by the following amounts per year:

Average Annual Payments to Counties (FY 2008-09 to FY 2017-18)		
County	Land Rental Proceeds	Wildlife Management Area Payments
Sumter County	\$9,539	\$18,917
Clarendon County	\$1,941	\$2,660
Jasper County	\$1,055	\$0
Richland County	\$270	\$0
Darlington County	\$152	\$226
Chesterfield County	\$95	\$9,012
Kershaw County	\$1	\$97
Williamsburg County	\$0	\$12,469
Georgetown County	\$0	\$202
Oconee County	\$0	\$937
Pickens County	\$0	\$3,394
Total	\$13,053	\$47,913

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