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Bill Number: H. 3383 Signed by Governor on May 16, 2019
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Subject: State Forest Land Revenues Shared with Counties
Requestor: House of Representatives
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase the Forestry Commission's Other Funds revenue by \$13,053 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 \$13,053. These funds are currently paid to counties as a percentage of proceeds garnered from land rentals on the county's state forest lands.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

In prior law, 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 used for general school purposes in the school district where the state forest resides. This bill excludes proceeds from land rentals 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. As a result of this bill, the Forestry Commission's Other Funds revenue will increase by approximately \$13,053 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, 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
Sumter County	\$9,539
Clarendon County	\$1,941
Jasper County	\$1,055
Richland County	\$270
Darlington County	\$152
Chesterfield County	\$95
Kershaw County	\$1
Williamsburg County	\$0
Georgetown County	\$0
Oconee County	\$0
Pickens County	\$0
Total	\$13,053

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