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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1044

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 5, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Livestock Waste Anaerobic Digestion Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Grubb

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Utility Forecasting Group to consider the statewide evaluation of livestock waste anaerobic digestion systems conducted by the Department of Agriculture in formulating suggestions to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee concerning the development and use of renewable energy resources in Indiana. The bill also requires the Department to explore the use of livestock waste anaerobic digestion systems to generate renewable energy as an economic development tool.

The bill requires the Department to conduct a statewide evaluation of livestock waste anaerobic digestion systems using the protocol developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency AgSTAR Program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will increase the administrative costs of both the Utility Forecasting Group and the Department of Agriculture. The amount of the increase is indeterminable and will ultimately depend upon the administrative decisions of these two entities made in considering and evaluating livestock waste anaerobic digestion systems.

Background: A livestock anaerobic digestion system is a device used to recover biogas from organic waste. Biogas is a gas largely comprised of methane, and it is used to produce energy. These digesters are made in various ways, using a wide variety of available livestock waste materials.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Utility Regulatory Commission; Utility Forecasting Group; Department of Agriculture.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; <http://www.epa.gov/agstar/pdf/manage.pdf>.

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