



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DNR 2/11/2003**

LRB Number <b>03-0248/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-12</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Educational requirements for foresters.		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Bill Summary: This bill requires every forester who is hired by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) after the effective date of the legislation to have received a bachelor's or higher degree in forestry from a school with a forestry curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters or an equivalent degree from a school located in another country. The educational requirements of this bill only apply to newly employed foresters. Current statutes do not require foresters employed by the DNR to satisfy specific educational requirements.

Under current law, before a tree may be cut within the state forests, it must be marked by a forester who is in the professional series of the state classified civil service or by a DNR employee who is equally qualified by having extensive, practical experience designating trees for cutting. Under the bill, the marking must be done either by a forester employed by the DNR or an individual who the DNR determines to be qualified and who would work under the oversight of a DNR forester.

Fiscal Estimate: The proposed changes do not produce a significant fiscal impact.

The present hiring process would be modified to include the forestry degree requirement. Adequate numbers of foresters with appropriate degrees from accredited schools are available to be hired.

With the Department's organization (e.g. a Division of Forestry with the supervision of the forestry staff by foresters), Department foresters provide oversight for the designation of trees that may be cut within the state forests. The proposed legislation will clarify who may designate trees for harvest and thinning within the state forests; but it will not require a modification to the present process utilized by the Department.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>Subject</b>			
Educational requirements for foresters			
<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
None.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	
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