

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/11/2008

LRB Number	07-3808/1	Introduction Number	AB-0784	Estimate Type	Original
Description Authorizing the creation of local park districts, authorizing a local park district to levy a property tax, authorizing a local park district to apply for funding from certain programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources, and authorizing a local park district to impose impact fees and issue debt					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Summary: The bill authorizes certain local governmental units to create local park districts and grants these districts eligibility for various local aid programs administered by the Department. These aid programs include the urban green space program, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle aids, and local park land acquisition and development aids.

Fiscal Effect:

The fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminate. There will be additional staff costs related to the newly created park districts. However, the number of such districts that will be created is unknown, but assumed to be relatively few. It is also not known how many of the park districts will utilize this new designation to apply for aid programs in addition to requests coming from the units of government by which they were formerly represented.

The extra staff hours required would be used to award additional aids to the park districts and to provide technical assistance to support existing units of government and the new park districts. A Natural Resources Financial Assistant Specialist-Senior (commonly referred to as grant specialist) position would typically handle awards to the park districts. The average salary for the NR Financial Assistant Specialist-Senior is \$25.00/hour.

If a park district is formed it will have the authority to transfer properties from individual municipalities to the district. It is not possible to estimate the hours that will be required for such transfers as workload will depend on many factors including the number of individual municipalities coming together in the new park district and the method by which the properties were originally acquired. If properties that are transferred have received Stewardship grants or Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding, DNR grant specialists will have to generate all documentation required to "assign" the Stewardship property to a new sponsor. If LWCF is involved, any conversions would require a lengthy process. Such transfers or assignments would require updating compliance databases and project files. This workload would be a one-time increase and not ongoing in nature.

While not quantifiable, Park Districts may require additional technical assistance from DNR grant specialists. Usually such multi-district partnerships require more time for project planning and implementation to accommodate information needs of all the partners. Grant staff provide technical assistance in application development and provide education on rules and regulations to new groups of applicants.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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