

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 07-2960/2	Introduction Number AB-0889
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Description
 Water utility conservation requirements and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
 - Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others Municipalities with W&S Util.
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires the PSC to promulgate rules requiring Water Utilities to establish water conservation programs. The PSC cost to complete the rule-making proceeding would be absorbed within the existing PSC staff and budgets.

Local Estimate

The bill requires water utilities to complete two main tasks. The first task is for each utility to create a water conservation program. This program would be required to follow PSC rules, and may contain several components including incentive rates for reducing water usage and public outreach and educational programs. The second task is to prepare an environmental assessment before taking any proposed action that affects current or future water supplies.

The larger water utilities may have dedicated staff that could be allocated to create an initial water conservation program and complete ongoing environmental assessment requirements. Medium and smaller utilities will more than likely have to retain a consultant or hire someone with the appropriate expertise to help develop the plan. With nearly 600 water utilities affected by this bill it would be impossible to determine the costs for them to implement the provisions in this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Indeterminate