

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/25/2009

LRB Number	09-2205/2	Introduction Number	AB-0162	Estimate Type	Original
Description Regulating the transportation of aquatic plants and aquatic animals, the administration of federal funds for the control and eradication of noxious weeds, the placement of vehicles, seaplanes, watercraft, and other objects in navigable waters, the regulation of noxious weeds by municipalities, the disposal of invasive species, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary:

The Department assumes this bill will fill in gaps between existing statutes, proposed rules and the need to minimize the spread of invasive species. It makes several house-keeping changes and authorizes the Department to write rules to disperse federal noxious weed grants. The bill expands the prohibition from transporting aquatic plants and animals from simply launching vehicles and crafts, to transporting them from one water body to another.

Fiscal Estimate:

Most parts of the bill would not impact the Department fiscally. There may be some increased duties for existing DNR law enforcement staff, but the bill clarifies what a violation is, thereby aiding enforcement. The emergency rule component, waiving of compliance and consulting, contracting and cooperating may decrease agency costs. Two sections of the bill authorize DNR to develop rules for dispersing federal funds for grants and for listing noxious weeds. Developing these rules and dispersing the grants may require significant time for existing staff, but will not likely require additional staff. The grants will assist the Department's invasive species management program by increasing work done on invasive plants by cooperators and municipalities. Other sections of the bill are not likely to cause increased or decreased costs.

The requirement for other state agencies to cooperate with the DNR may slightly increase some of their costs or staff time, but this is indeterminate at this time. The agencies most likely to be affected are those with land management responsibilities or that regularly move vehicles, watercraft or other objects into or out of navigable waters. There are no increased mandatory enforcement responsibilities for other state, county or local agencies.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

By providing the DNR with increased authority to manage invasive species, long term impacts to the environment, economy and human health will be reduced, thereby reducing state government costs.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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): None			
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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