

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-0669/2	Introduction Number AB-0653	
Description Drainage districts and regulating the removal of material from certain drainage ditches		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <u>Drainage Districts</u> <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.115 (7)(qd)		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill will have a fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Local Government. This estimate focuses only on the statutory changes that have a fiscal impact on DATCP and Local Government.

Fiscal Impact on DATCP

The bill will result in increased one-time workload for DATCP related to updating program support materials, providing training to drainage boards and local officials, and initiating rulemaking to make ch.48, Wis. Admin. Code, compatible with ch.88, Stats. DATCP estimates those costs to be \$17,800.

A one-time cost of \$17,800 for an existing 0.1 FTE ENVIR ANALYSIS & REV SPEC (@\$17.25/hour and 46.66% fringe)=\$5,262, plus supplies and services (including \$500 for travel)=\$3,641. The estimated one-time cost is for two years to complete the necessary changes.

Fiscal Impact on Local Government

In reviewing the bill, a number of the statutory changes will also have a fiscal impact on Local Government.

There will be reduced costs based on the new exemption from permit requirements for dredging drainage ditches that are also navigable waters. Drainage boards will save an estimated \$10,900 annually in permit costs assuming \$303 for a general permit and \$603 for an individual permit. Also, drainage boards will incur lower costs for consultants and contractors to assist in meeting the minimum requirements for dredging. Taking all permitting, consulting and contracting costs into account, the department estimates that the total cost savings for county drainage boards is \$800 to \$1,200 per dredging project, but larger and more complex projects could realize greater savings.

There will be increased local costs based on the new requirement to add a local official to the county drainage board for limited purposes if a district drain (ditch) is located in a city or village. Approximately 60 cities and villages have some part of a drainage district within their boundaries. As a result, about 20 county drainage boards would need to add a local city or village official to the board, if it is confirmed that a district drain is located within the municipal boundary. In Dane County alone, drainage districts are located in 14 villages and cities. Adding new members will result in additional costs related to notification, meeting materials and meeting management. It is estimated, each county drainage board affected by this requirement will experience additional costs not to exceed \$100-\$500 per year per board, or \$2,000-\$10,000 in total for all boards.

There will be increased local costs, in an amount that cannot be determined, based on the additional notice requirements for county drainage board meetings to include cities and villages. The board would incur costs when it becomes necessary to provide notice either to individual landowners or a municipality. The full extent of these costs would depend on the number of meetings requiring additional notice. Sufficient information is not available to estimate these costs. However, the costs may be offset by electronic means of providing notice.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications