

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 17-0400/3	Introduction Number AB-0063
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Description
 exempting utility activities in a highway right-of-way from wetland permitting requirements

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

 Yes No
 Create New Appropriations
 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <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 type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department assumes that the bill has a very limited fiscal impact. Revenues may see a very slight decrease. Staff time saved in not having to issue permit coverage will likely be offset by staff time explaining the changes to the process.

The bill could result in fewer permits for some utilities which would mean less permit fees to DNR. We estimate the loss in revenue to be < \$5000/ year; however, the decrease should be characterized as indeterminate as some utilities currently do not pay permit fees and instead provide revenue to DNR via a PSC/DNR funding agreement pursuant to 196.85(1), Stats., while other utilities only pay the permit fees (\$300 for a general permit and \$500 for an individual permit).

It should be noted that the bill only addresses wetland permitting, while the DNR utility general permit for utility projects covers both wetland permitting (s. 281.36) and waterway permitting (Chapter 30). So with the bill, the utility may be exempt from wetland aspects of the general permit, but still need coverage for waterway crossing aspects.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications