

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
 - 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 Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory
 - 3. Increase Revenue Permissive Mandatory
 - 4. Decrease Revenue Permissive Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

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

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The department has the statutory responsibility to regulate the installation of utility facilities along or across the limits of state highways, and the department issues permits to utilities in accordance with developed policies and procedures, which could be amended to specifically address wetlands affected by this bill. Current law also prohibits any person from digging, excavating, or altering any highway in this state without a permit issued by the highway maintenance authority. The department assumes that none of the work described in this bill will be done without a permit for work within the highway, and that the permit can require avoidance or mitigation practices for nearby wetlands.

The department assumes that the utility claiming the wetland discharge permit exemption will be responsible for the restoration. The department will modify its permits for work in highway right-of-way to require complete, timely restoration of any affected wetland and will be required to monitor compliance.

The department anticipates this bill will have no fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications