

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-1115/1	Introduction Number SB-095
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Description
 Regulation of aquaculture and fish farms, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	<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

DATCP 3/8/2017

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2017 Senate Bill 95 changes or exempts aquaculture and fish farm activities from certain Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements relating to wetland permits, natural bodies of water used as fish farms, dams on navigable streams, Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permits, variances to water quality standards, water withdrawals under the Great Lakes Compact, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) loan guarantees, and navigable water permits.

The bill allows a person to develop or use land in the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway for aquaculture use if done in compliance with soil and water resource management rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

The bill creates a sales and use tax exemption for farm-raised fish sold to a fish farm that is registered with DATCP.

The bill also allows the Department of Transportation to issue permits for the transportation of fish and minnows in vehicles that exceed certain weight limitations.

Under the bill, DNR and DATCP must review the departments' rules relating to viral hemorrhagic septicemia and promulgate new rules as necessary. The bill also requires DNR to assess, with DATCP, the efficiency and utility of the fish hatchery classification system under rules promulgated by DATCP, and requires DATCP to promulgate new rules as necessary.

The Division of Animal Health in the DATCP currently registers approximately 3,000 fish farms in Wisconsin. Of these registered fish farms, approximately 200 are commercial fish farms that are required to be registered in order to sell or distribute live fish or fish eggs. Approximately 2,500 of these fish farms are not required to be registered but do so in order to legally stock or fish from their personal ponds.

Annual fish farm registration fees are determined by the activities of the fish farm and the number of fish farms to be registered. Fish farm registration fees range from \$37.50 to \$300.

The bill may allow fish farms currently registered with DATCP to expand their facility. It is unknown how many registered fish farms would be impacted by the changes proposed in the bill. Regardless, there is no fiscal effect on DATCP as these entities are already registered.

The bill may increase the number of entities that wish to register with DATCP as a fish farm as a result of the proposed bill. It is unknown how many entities would become registered as fish farms. Therefore, the revenue generated by and the costs associated with DATCP licensing any new fish farms are indeterminate.

Any costs associated with promulgating new rules would be absorbed by the agency.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications