

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/20/2020

LRB Number 19-5760/1	Introduction Number SB-867	Estimate Type Original
Description the managed forest land program		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill makes numerous changes to the managed forest land (MFL) program administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

State Fiscal Effect

The bill would not substantially change the way the DNR administers the MFL program. Any increased workload as a result of processing withdrawal orders would be absorbed with existing staff and resources.

Local Fiscal Effect

The bill would primarily modify MFL eligibility requirements for landowners, but there are also proposed changes that would give the DNR more flexibility in determining when to assess a withdrawal tax and fee when MFL acreage is being withdrawn involuntarily. This proposed change could alter the overall revenues to local units of government with MFL acreage, but the DNR cannot determine how often withdrawal taxes and fees would be assessed, nor can a forecast be generated as to how much new acreage would be enrolled into MFL as a result of the eligibility requirement changes. As such, the fiscal impact on local units of government is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications