

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 3/8/2021

LRB Number	21-2260/1	Introduction Number	AB-0140	Estimate Type	Original
Description expanding the clean sweep program to include collection of certain fire fighting foams and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to expand the Clean Sweep program to include the collection, storage, and disposal of certain fire-fighting foams under Wis. Stat. 93.56.

The bill creates appropriation s.20.115(7)(vb), Clean sweep - fire fighting foam, and provides \$500,000 SEG in FY22 for DATCP to administer a program to collect and store or dispose of certain unused and voluntarily surrendered fire fighting foams containing PFAS.

Based on the results of a survey of Wisconsin fire departments conducted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2019, DNR estimates the total amount of fluorinated fire fighting foam currently in storage across the state is at least 63,200 gallons and may be as high as 96,300 gallons. It is also estimated that there may be expired or unwanted foam in excess of 30,000 gallons that require disposal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

There is minimal fiscal staffing impact on DATCP to operate this program. DATCP will use existing staff to coordinate with DNR regarding rules promulgated by DNR relating to the treatment and disposal of this foam, and to administer a contract under this one-time funding.

Fiscally, this bill will reduce the disposal costs for PFAS-containing fire fighting foam to some state and local government entities, who are eligible through this limited funded program. The bill explicitly requires the department to prioritize collecting from the state and then other local governments. Based on relevant work done by other states, the funding need will likely be significantly greater than allocated funds.