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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 822

January 29, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives KITCHENS, BALLWEG, HORLACHER, KRUG, NERISON, NOVAK and A. OTT, cosponsored by Senator COWLES. Referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 281.75 (4m) (a), 281.75 (7) (a) and 281.75 (7) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** income limits and award limits for contaminated well grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the limits on family income and grant awards under this state's well compensation grant program.

Under current law, an individual owner or renter of a contaminated private well may apply for a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to cover a portion of the costs to treat the water, reconstruct the well, construct a new well, connect to a public water supply, or fill and seal (abandon) the well. To be eligible for a grant the well owner or renter's annual family income may not exceed \$65,000. A grant awarded under the program may not exceed 75 percent of a project's eligible costs and may not cover any part of a project's eligible costs that exceeds \$12,000, which means that a grant may not exceed \$9,000. In addition, if the well owner or renter's annual family income exceeds \$45,000, the amount of the award is reduced by 30 percent of the amount by which the annual family income exceeds \$45,000.

This bill increases the family income limit to \$90,000 and increases the grant award limit to 75 percent of \$16,000, which means that a grant under the bill may not exceed \$12,000. The bill also increases the amount of annual family income that triggers a reduction of an award to \$65,000.

