

FISCAL ESTIMATE

1999 Session

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

ORIGINAL UPDATED

LRB No. and Bill/Adm. Rule No.

AB 758

LRB 4286/2

CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

Amendment No. If Applicable

Subject

Accreditation and Certification Standards Review Council

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum certain appropriation

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No Local Government Costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.115 (7)(s), 20.115 (8)(km)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) currently certifies Wisconsin laboratories engaged in public health testing of milk, food and water. In the area of public drinking water, DATCP certifies laboratories that test for microbiological contaminants while the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) certifies laboratories that test for chemical contaminants. This bill would have DNR continue to certify labs to test for chemical contaminants, and would have DATCP continue to certify labs for microbiological contaminants.

Certain local health departments and local units of government operate certified laboratories engaged in the testing of water. Administrative rules recently adopted by DATCP in 1999 were written to closely mirror National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) requirements. Laboratories operated by local units of government which are already certified by DATCP for microbiological analysis will need to make minimal, if any, changes in their operations to become accredited under NELAP. So, the bill would have no fiscal impact on DATCP or local government related to DATCP lab certification for microbiological testing. However, the bill would have a significant fiscal impact on the DATCP groundwater lab (and the DATCP program that funds the DATCP groundwater lab), due to potential chemical testing certification changes by DNR. The DATCP groundwater lab is certified to test for both chemical contaminants and microbiological contaminants. Under this bill, DNR would require specific National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) chemical testing methods. The NELAC chemical testing methods are different from the chemical testing methods that the DATCP groundwater lab currently uses. If DNR requires these methods to be used by the DATCP groundwater lab for analytes specified in DNR methodology, the DATCP groundwater lab cost of analysis could increase by approximately \$201,200 annually. The assumption is that each sample would require two separate testing methods where only one testing method is used currently. (The DATCP testing methods capture all analytes specified in the DNR testing methods as well as other compounds not specified, e.g. acetochlor, atrazine metabolites, cyanazine metabolite. However, the DATCP lab does not use the NELAC testing methods). There would be a complete doubling of sample testing for the lab groundwater unit. This increase in workload could result in the need for two additional staff persons, additional supplies and equipment needs, and associated overhead costs at the lab. The additional costs to DATCP would be incurred in PR-S appropriation 8(k)(m), and in SEG appropriation 7(s) from which the lab recovers its costs through PR-S billings. The additional costs would not be incurred if DATCP can come to agreement with the DNR Accreditation program to allow the use of alternative methodology for samples analyzed under the DATCP Groundwater program, or if the DATCP lab withdraws from the current certification program before the end of April 2000.

If DNR requires the NELAC methodology to be used by labs operated by local units of government, there may be a fiscal impact on local government costs due to the DNR changes.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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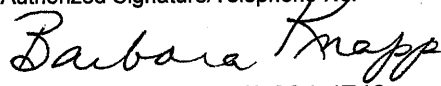
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$106,900	
(FTE Position Changes)	2.00	
State Operations - Other Costs	\$295,500	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals and Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$402,400	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS	\$201,200	
SEG/SEG-S	\$201,200	
III. State Revenues	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>		
GPR Taxes		
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues		

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$402,400	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES		

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