

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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LRB Number 01-2951/1	Introduction Number AB-669
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Subject
 Wearing of flotation devices

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriations

Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

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	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	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
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: Currently, while boating, there must be a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person in the boat. Under this bill, a person may not operate a boat that is less than 26 feet in length unless, during the time the boat is under way, every person on the boat who is 16 years old or younger is wearing a personal flotation device or is in a cabin space or below the deck.

Fiscal Estimate: The fiscal impact of this bill is two part: a stepped up informational campaign that promotes the wearing of PFD's, and increased law enforcement presence to address non-compliance.

The informational campaign will require Law Enforcement Officers to spend extra time with each boater to explain the law. This will reduce the number of contacts made with boaters per year (approximately 70,000 under current staffing). In addition, this proposal will require public service announcements on radio and television. This is estimated to cost \$40,000 per year, but this cost will be offset by a reduction in other boating PSAs.

Approximately 70,000 contacts with boaters are made per year with current state law enforcement staffing. The Department estimates that there will be, at a minimum, a 5% non-compliance rate with this proposal, even with the informational outreach. That equates to 3,500 boaters out of the 70,000 typically contacted who will be in violation. (Law enforcement typically contacts 7%-10% of the 875,000 boaters in this state). If citations were issued to 10% of the people contacted and verbal warnings to the remaining 90%, then it would require 1.2 FTE worth of effort to carry out this proposal (350 persons receiving citations x 1.50 hours per citation including court time/ 1830 hours per FTE)+ (3,150 persons receiving warnings x 0.50 hours per warning/1830 hours per FTE). The time needed to carry out this proposal will come from a redirection of current boating enforcement activities.

One likely outcome from this legislation is that after an initial period of enforcement and education, perhaps in the neighborhood of 1-2 years, accidents and fatalities related to this activity would decrease. This would have the effect of allowing both the boating PSAs and the boating enforcement hours to shift back to their current situation.

The costs to local units of government will be similar to the costs estimated by the Department. There will be an increase in the time and effort spent on education and on enforcement of the new PDF laws, but this priority will be absorbed into the existing budget of the local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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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 funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
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		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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