

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DNR 2/26/02

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| LRB Number | 01-3345/2 | Introduction Number | SB-443 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Subject | | | | | |
| Revising the estimated motorboat gas tax payment and funding for various DNR programs | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: The bill revises the formula for calculating the estimated motorboat gas payment that is transferred to the water resources account of the segregated conservation fund from the transportation fund. Currently the formula is:

$(\text{number of registered motor boats}) \times (50 \text{ gallons}) \times (\text{motor fuel tax}) \times (1.4 \text{ nonresident factor})$

The bill changes the 50 gallons to 80 gallons based on increased average consumption per boat.

The bill establishes a wetlands grant program, funds wetland mitigation activities and positions, increases funding for lake and river management grants, and funds positions for grants administration.

Fiscal Estimate: Currently the motorboat gas tax generates about \$10.3 million annually. Modifications in the bill would generate an additional \$6.3 million per year. This would not be new revenue to the state, but would deposit existing boating fuel tax collections into the water resources account of the conservation fund rather than the transportation fund.

The bill increases by \$1,400,000 annually the Department's appropriation for lake protection grants and increases by \$1,400,000 annually the Department's appropriation for river protection grants, representing significant funding increases for both grant programs. Additionally, the bill creates an appropriation for wetland protection grants and provides \$1,348,300 annually for that purpose. The creation of the wetlands protection grant program and the increases to the lake and river protection grant programs are expected to increase the Department's grants administration workload by 4.0 FTE. The bill provides 4.00 FTE and associated funding for grants administration.

The bill also increases by \$75,000 annually the Department's appropriation for river protection nonprofit organization contracts, through which the Department contracts for river protection technical assistance.

The bill also provides \$479,800 annually and 2.50 FTE for wetland regulation activities relating to the Department's statutorily prescribed wetlands mitigation program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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| I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): | | | |
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| II. Annualized Costs: | | Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from: | |
| | | Increased Costs | Decreased Costs |
| A. State Costs by Category | | | |
| State Operations - Salaries and Fringes | | \$253,800 | |
| (FTE Position Changes) | | (6.5 FTE) | |
| State Operations - Other Costs | | 499,000 | |
| Local Assistance | | | |
| Aids to Individuals or Organizations | | 4,148,300 | |
| TOTAL State Costs by Category | | \$4,901,100 | \$ |
| B. State Costs by Source of Funds | | | |
| GPR | | | |
| FED | | | |
| PRO/PRS | | | |
| SEG/SEG-S | | 4,901,100 | |
| III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.) | | | |
| | | Increased Rev | Decreased Rev |
| GPR Taxes | | \$ | \$ |
| GPR Earned | | | |
| FED | | | |
| PRO/PRS | | | |
| SEG/SEG-S | | | |
| TOTAL State Revenues | | \$ | \$ |
| NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT | | | |
| | | State | Local |
| NET CHANGE IN COSTS | | \$4,901,100 | \$ |
| NET CHANGE IN REVENUE | | \$ | \$ |
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