



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 10/23/01

LRB Number	01-3655/2	Introduction Number	AB-570	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Subject</b>					
Requiring DOT to comply with local ordinances related to grass or weed height					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Since there would be local cost to municipalities, it is assumed the majority of municipalities would require the department to provide the no cost mowing services.

The additional mowing effort would consist of: 1) mowing additional portions of the right of way, beyond the current safety and operational needs that cover a basic fifteen foot swath along each side of the roadway, the vision corners, and some periodic mowing to control woody vegetation growth; and, 2) increased frequency of mowing to achieve requirements that could restrain growth to 12 inches or less.

The estimate also assumes that the department would not be required to mow sensitive areas that may include: wetlands; stands of threatened, endangered, or rare native plants; steep slopes which pose erosion or safety threats.

Assumption of 150,000 acres of roadside along state highways, 80% of which the department would be required to mow. To achieve the standards for length of vegetation and average of four mowings per season would be required.

150,000 acres x 80% affected by this bill = 120,000 acres

120,000 acres x average cost per acre per mowing of \$56.57 = \$6.79 million per mowing \$6.79 million per mowing x 4 mowings per year = \$ 27.2 million total cost

\$ 27.2 million total cost less current costs for mowing of \$6 million per season = added cost to conform to this bill of \$21.2 million

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Costs are expected to persist and increase with inflation as local governments have no financial stake in constraining costs for this type of service.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes (FTE Position Changes)	\$		
State Operations - Other Costs	21,200,000		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$21,200,000</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	21,200,000		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$21,200,000	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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