

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 01-3513/1	Introduction Number AB-598	Estimate Type Original
Subject		
Great Lakes shipping and aquatic nuisance species		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: In an attempt to prevent the introduction or minimize the spread of aquatic nuisance species, this bill prescribes a number of ballast water management duties upon the Department and oceangoing and non-oceangoing vessels operating on the Great Lakes within this state's boundaries.

Fiscal Estimate: The Department estimates that this bill will result in an ongoing fiscal impact of \$274,500 and 4.80 FTE annually, as well as \$72,300 and 0.70 FTE in one-time expenses as itemized by task below:

Task 1. The bill instructs the Department to determine by March 1, 2002 whether oceangoing and non-oceangoing vessels operating in the state's Great Lakes waters are complying with ballast water management (BWM) practices proposed by the Lake Carriers Association and the Canadian Shipowner's Association.

Based on data from the Lake Carriers Association, the Department assumes that 5500 commercial vessels visit Wisconsin ports each year. The Department assumes that it will require 120 hours (or 0.10 FTE) of effort of program & planning analyst time on a one-time basis @ \$20/hr (or \$2,400 total) to develop compliance forms to be used by commercial shippers. Additionally, the Department assumes that it will annually require an average of 1.50 hours per vessel (including travel time and follow-up) for each of 5500 vessels--or 8250 hours--for compliance checks. (This assumes that those operating the vessels cooperate fully with such checks). The Department assumes that the compliance checks will be conducted by a senior level environmental enforcement specialist @ \$25/hr including fringe. Therefore, the annual fiscal impact associated with this task is $8250 \text{ hrs} \times \$25/\text{hr} = \$206,250$ and $(8250/1820) = 4.50$ FTE.

Task 2. The bill instructs the Department to identify by March 1, 2002 any other ballast water treatment methods that could be used to prevent the introduction of aquatic nuisance species while protecting ship safety.

The Department assumes that this task will involve 500 hours (or 0.25 FTE) of effort on a one-time basis by a water resources engineer at an hourly rate of \$30 including fringe (or \$15,000 total) to review and evaluate the available research on ballast water treatment technologies to determine their environmental effectiveness.

Task 3. The bill instructs the Department to determine the needs for ballast water management practices based on the evaluation results from Task 2 as listed above.

The Department assumes that this task will also involve 500 hours (or 0.25 FTE) of effort on a one-time basis by a water resources engineer at an hourly rate of \$30 including fringe (or \$15,000 total).

Task 4. The bill instructs the Department to identify by March 1, 2003 whether commercial vessels operating in Wisconsin Great Lakes waters are using the ballast water management techniques that the Department has determined to be acceptable under Tasks 2 and 3 above.

The Department assumes that this task will require the equivalent annual effort to that listed in Task 1 above, that is, the prescribed compliance checks will require 0.50 hours per vessel for each of 5500 vessels--or 2750 hours. The Department assumes that these compliance checks will be conducted by the FTE listed in Task 1.

Task 5. The bill instructs the Department to maintain and report annual publication lists of vessels that are in compliance and those that are not in compliance. Further, the bill directs the Department to deny a loan or grant to any local government which contracts for the transport of cargo with a shipper not in compliance with required ballast water management practices.

The Department assumes that this will require that it develop a database reporting system that will need to link

with existing financial assistance databases. The Department estimates that this will require at least 500 hours of computer programming on a one-time basis for which the Department would contract @ \$75/hr (or \$37,500). Additionally, the Department assumes that this task will annually require data entry by a program assistant for each of 5500 records. The Department assumes each record would require 0.10 hour, at an hourly rate of \$15 including fringe, resulting in \$8,250 in annual costs ($5500 \times .1 \text{ hr} \times \15) and $550/1820 = .30$ FTE.

Task 6. The bill instructs the Department to annually submit to the governor and legislative committees a report describing progress on meeting the requirements of the bill.

The Department assumes that this will annually require 120 hours of effort by a programming and planning analyst @ \$20/hr, including fringe (or \$2,400 annually) and $120/1820 = .10$ FTE.

Additionally, the Department assumes that the tasks associated with this bill will require annually supplies and services expenditures of \$60,000 related to mailing, travel, and computer support costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

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):			
\$69,900 and 0.60 FTE effort as itemized above.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$216,900	
(FTE Position Changes)		(4.9 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs		60,000	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$276,900	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		276,900	
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			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$276,900	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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