

Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session

- Original Updated
 Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 2065/1	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number SB49	Administrative Rule Number

Subject
 Creating an Office of Public Intervenor in the Department of Justice

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

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

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

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

Local: No Local Government Costs

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Chapter 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary:

This bill recreates an office of public intervenor attached to the Department of Justice, with the same duties and authority that existed before 1995 Wisconsin Act 27. That act eliminated the office of public intervenor and its board. This bill recreates the ability of the public intervenor to intervene in both administrative and court proceedings. The bill also requires DNR personnel to notify the public intervenor of all administrative proceedings under the environmental protection chapters and to make such investigations, studies and reports to assist the public intervenor either before or during such formal intervention.

Fiscal Estimate:


The bill will increase the workload of DNR staff. It essentially restores operations to a level that existed prior to 1997 Wisconsin Act 27. In addition, workload volume is difficult to predict and, based on past experience, can fluctuate significantly from year to year. The Department anticipates that whatever workload is created by restoration of the public intervenor will be absorbed by current staff as was the case before its elimination.

The cost estimate for this fiscal note makes the following cost assumptions:

Each hearing or proceeding in which the public intervenor is involved will require the following hours of DNR staff time:

- 2 days (16 hours * \$44.63 salary & fringe per hour) preparation time by an attorney
- 1 day (8 hours * \$23.71 salary & fringe per hour) clerical support
- 3 days (24 hours * \$37.66 salary & fringe per hour) for a program staff person

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate – Continued

Also assume 6 hearings per year on average.

Total salary costs = \$7,800

Total fringe costs = 3,100

TOTAL = \$10,900

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 Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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

Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes		\$ 10,900	\$ - 0
(FTE Position Changes)		(FTE)	(FTE)
State Operations — Other Costs		0	- 0
Local Assistance		0	- 0
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		0	- 0
Total State Costs by Category		\$ 10,900	\$ - 0
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		\$ 5,400	\$ - 0
FED		0	- 0
PRO/PRS		0	- 0
SEG/SEG-S		5,400	- 0
State Revenues	Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Revenue	Decreased Revenue
GPR Taxes		\$ 0	\$ - 0
GPR Earned		0	- 0
FED		0	- 0
PRO/PRS		0	- 0
SEG/SEG-S		0	- 0
Total State Revenues		\$ 0	\$ - 0

Net Annualized Fiscal Impact

	State	Local
Net Change in Costs	\$ 10,900	\$ 0
Net Change in Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 0

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