

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Regulation of well drilling and water systems		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department of Justice (DOJ) does not anticipate that this legislation will result in any additional costs to the state, the DOJ or to local governments. As proposed by this legislation, enforcement of certain matters related to well drilling and water systems by citations and/or district attorneys is unlikely to result in any additional costs.

First, based upon current practice and historical data, DOJ anticipates that any increase in the number of citations issued in these matters will be diminimus. Second, given the nature of these violations, court challenges necessitating DOJ or DA court time are also expected to be infrequent. Finally, the forfeiture that can be assessed under the citation system is low enough that it will not be economically favorable to challenge the citation.

As a result of these factors and past experience, it is DOJ's assessment that the passage of this legislation should not increase the workload or costs for state or local prosecutors.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications