

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/24/2005

LRB Number	05-0439/1	Introduction Number	AB-205	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Create office of public intervenor in Department of Justice					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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 * \$66.63 salary & fringe per hour) preparation time by an attorney

1 day (8 hours * \$31.46 salary & fringe per hour) clerical support

3 days (24 hours * \$40.24 salary & fringe per hour) for a program staff person

Also assume 6 hearings per year on average.

Total costs:

Salary costs = \$9,500

Fringe costs = \$4,200

TOTAL = \$13,700

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-0439/1		Introduction Number AB-205	
Subject			
Create office of public intervenor in Department of Justice			
I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$13,700		
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$13,700	\$	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	6,800		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	6,900		
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			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$13,700	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
Agency/Prepared By		Authorized Signature	Date
DNR/ Joe Polasek (608) 266-2794		Joe Polasek (608) 266-2794	3/23/2005