

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 10/4/2005

LRB Number	05-3261/1	Introduction Number	AB-564	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Indian mascots, lakes, and streams					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Summary of Bill: This bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from using the word "squaw" in the name of any lake or stream and requires that if the word "squaw" is being used, that it must be changed.

Fiscal Affect: The Department estimates that there are approximately 30 lakes and streams throughout Wisconsin that use the word "squaw" in the name of the lake or stream. This analysis assumes that no other geographic features are affected by this proposed legislation. Changing these names will require increased staff time by the DNR, other state agencies, and local units of government. In addition it is expected that there will be a very high level of interest by the public in determining appropriate replacement names that still reflect local history or culture that may result in increased staff time and administrative resources to conduct public involvement activities.

It appears that the proposed legislation overrides s. 23.25(1)(c), Wis. Stats requiring approval of name changes by county government. However, the assumption used in this fiscal estimate is that County Government would still be very involved in the process, as it would be very difficult for the department to determine appropriate substitute names reflecting the cultural resources or history of the lake, stream or surrounding area.

It is assumed that changing the names of the lakes and streams would occur utilizing the existing process that is in place for naming geographic features. The Department is charged with determining the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof [(see s. 23.25(1)(a), Stats.] and performs these duties through use of the State Geographic Names Council (SGNC). Advisors to the Council include the State Cartographer, State Geologist, State Chief Engineer, and a designee from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

It is expected that there will be a small increase in County government costs due to the need to extend regular meetings, or hold additional public meetings to change the names. Other local government costs might be similar depending on the level of involvement. It is assumed that a local unit of government would advance the alternate names to the SGNC for action.

It is assumed the Geographic Names Council may need to meet up to four additional times to review and act on name proposals as they are submitted by local units of government. This would increase the amount of staff time by DNR to provide assistance to local units of government, provide background research, public contacts, forward information to SGNC and perform administrative duties required for the SGNC functions. The result will be a reallocation of DNR staff time to complete the requirements of this bill. Changing of names will be expected to occur over a few years because of the challenge of finding acceptable and suitable replacement names.

As a result of name changes, local and state maps, and a variety of publications would need to be updated to reflect any changes that were made. It is not possible to accurately estimate these costs. It is assumed this would be done as part of other routine updates.

Estimated one time costs of \$29,471 to implement the provisions in this bill were based on the following assumptions to process 30 name changes:

DNR staff time - 15 hours background research/telephone/e-mail contacts, and administrative duties per name change=30 name changes X 15 hours at \$47.90 Natural Resource Specialist 1 (salary and fringe) = \$21,555

Additional DNR staff time to prepare meeting materials and conduct an additional 4 SGNC meetings = 40

hours/meeting @ \$47.90 (salary and fringe) = \$1,916.

Staff time for Geographic Names Council Members representing other state agencies = 5 members X 4 meetings @ \$50.00 (salary and fringe) X 6 hrs.(review and meeting) = \$6,000

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
Total one-time costs = \$29,471. Of the total, \$6,000 is for other state agencies (Council Members salary and fringe). Township costs are not estimated.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	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, ets.)			
		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	\$	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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