

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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Description
 the required general fund balance, grants for the treatment of aquatic invasive species infestations in inland waters, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
- Increase Existing Appropriations
- Decrease Existing Appropriations
- Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
 - Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.370(4)(aq), 20.370(6)(ar)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY OF THE BILL - Transfers \$5 million annually from the Indian gaming revenues to the Conservation Fund to fund a new grant program for counties to chemically treat or mechanically harvest infestations of aquatic invasive species. Waives aquatic plant management permit fees for grant funded projects and provides an exemption from emergency rule-making procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT - The Department estimates the annual fiscal impact to consist of \$77,500 in reduced permit revenue and \$27,300 in increased salary and fringe costs associated with grant processing.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1) The number of grant awards will increase by 20 biennially. This will add workload to the DNR regions and central office to assist counties in preparing grant applications, processing applications, implementing projects, and overall grant administration. This estimate assumes an average annual workload of 10 grant awards. Within each county application, it is assumed that there will be 3 new individual lake chemical treatment(NR 107) or harvesting (NR 109) projects requiring permit consultation, review, issuance, and site visits by Department field staff in addition to 7 existing or historic permits.

a) Re: Region Grant Project Assistance and Financial Management. Assumes PPA-5 and Financial Assistance Specialist staff process 10 grants annually at 25 hours per grant. The salary and fringe cost associated with these activities is estimated at \$6,600.

(b) Re: Central Office Project Assistance and Grant Processing. Assumes PPA-5 level staff processing 10 grants annually at 4 hours/grant. This activity is estimated at \$1,100.

c) Re: Grant Administration and Processing. Assumes a Financial Assistance Specialist level staff processing 10 grants annually at 24 hours per grant. The salary and fringe costs associated with these activities is estimated at \$5,800.

d) Re: Permitting Activity in the Region. Assumes a Water Management Specialist level staff processing 30 new permits at 20 hours per permit. The salary and fringe costs associated with these activities is estimated at \$13,800.

The Department will lose revenues by not receiving permit fees for 100 projects.

e) Re: Lost Permit Revenues. Assumes waivers for 100 permits at an average of \$775 per permit equates to \$77,500.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 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): One-time costs are anticipated for the purpose of writing rules to administer the new grant program. These costs could be absorbed by existing staff.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$27,300	
(FTE Position Changes)		(0.5 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance		5,000,000	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$5,027,300	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		5,027,300	
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			-77,500
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	-\$77,500
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$5,027,300	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-77,500	\$
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