



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/29/2007

LRB Number	07-0755/1	Introduction Number	AB-0180	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> The use of ethnic names, nicknames, logos, and mascots by school boards; prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from using the word squaw in the name of a lake or stream; granting rule-making authority; and providing a penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

**SUMMARY:** This bill provides an avenue for a school district resident to object to a school board's use of an ethnic name, nickname, logo, or mascot. This provision of the bill is not applicable to the Department. The bill also prohibits the Department from using the word "squaw" in the name of the lake or stream. If the word "squaw" is currently being used, it must be changed.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** 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. Changing these names will require increased staff time by the DNR, other state agencies, and local governmental units. In addition, the Department expects that there will be significant public interest in determining appropriate lake and stream replacement names that still reflect local history or culture, resulting in increased staff time and administrative resources to conduct public involvement activities.

The Department assumes that the names of the lakes and streams would be changed using the existing process that is in place for naming geographic features, with the exception that the Department may have to provide additional assistance to some local governmental units to assure that applications for name changes are advanced in a timely fashion and that approvable names are advanced. 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 SGNC include the State Cartographer, State Geologist, State Chief Engineer, and a designee from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. The Department assumes 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 governments' costs might similarly increase depending on the level of involvement.

The SGNC may need to meet up to four additional times to review and act on name proposals as they are submitted by local governmental units. This would increase the amount of DNR staff time to assist local governmental units, provide background research, public contacts, forward information to the SGNC and other administrative duties required for the SGNC functions. The result will be a reallocation of DNR staff time to complete the requirements of this bill. The Department assumes that changes in names will 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, however, the Department lacks information with which to estimate these costs.

Estimated one-time costs to implement the provisions in this bill are based on the following assumptions to process 30 name changes:

DNR staff time [15 hours (average) background research/telephone/e-mail contacts, and administrative duties per name change] = 30 name changes X 15 hours at \$41.60 salary & fringe (Natural Resource Staff Specialist) = \$18,720

Additional DNR staff time to prepare meeting materials and conduct an additional 4 SGNC meetings [40 hours @ \$41.60 salary and fringe] = \$1,664

Staff time for SGNC Members representing other state agencies [5 members X 4 meetings @ \$42.00 (salary and fringe) X 6hrs/meeting (review and meeting)] = \$5,040.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  DNR Staff Salary and Fringe: \$20,384. Other State Agencies (Council Members salary and fringe): \$5,040 Township costs not estimated.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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