

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHFS 6/19/2007

LRB Number	07-0557/1	Introduction Number	AB-0312	Estimate Type	Original
Description Licensure and other regulation of mold assessors and mold remediators, granting rule-making authority, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, making appropriations, and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill establishes requirements for licensure of mold assessors and mold remediators and requires the Department to promulgate rules which specify the requirements which assessors and remediators must adhere to in order to become licensed. In addition to developing the rules, the bill requires the Department to (1) develop and administer an examination for licensure, (2) issue biennial licenses and renewals of these licenses, (3) maintain a publicly accessible registry of licensed mold inspectors and remediators, (4) conduct a statewide education and outreach program regarding the health implications of mold, (5) conduct inspections, (6) issue an annual report, and (7) investigate complaints. The bill also specifies the fees which applicants for mold assessor and remediator licenses must pay.

The requirements of this bill cannot be absorbed by current staff. It is estimated that 2.5 FTEs would be necessary to implement the provisions of this bill. An environmental health specialist-advanced (1.0 FTE) would be required to write the rule and the examination, update the registry, develop the curriculum for the training program, and conduct the outreach program. A second environmental health specialist-advanced (1.0 FTE) would help develop the enforcement program, perform inspections, administer the examination, investigate complaints, provide compliance assistance for contractors, and help with training. A .5 FTE license/permit program associate would be required to issue licenses and maintain the list of licenses on the registry. The cost of these additional positions is estimated to be \$161,500 annually. In addition to staff costs, there would be costs for the travel required for onsite inspections, complaint investigations, and outreach estimated to be \$3,000 annually, and costs for training materials and training sessions, estimated to be \$8,000 annually. Total annual costs are estimated to be \$172,500. There would also be one-time costs of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to modify the existing Wisconsin Asbestos and Lead Database Online (WALDO) system to accommodate information about mold inspectors and remediators.

The bill specifies that an applicant for a license must pay a biennial fee of \$53. It is estimated that there would be approximately 700 requests for mold assessment and remediation licenses. An estimated \$37,100 PR would be received biennially from licensing fees, which would not be sufficient to support the program. If 50% of the fee revenue was collected in each year of a two year period, approximately \$18,500 would be collected annually. There would be an additional cost of \$154,000 GPR annually to fully fund AB 312.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 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): Between \$25,000 GPR and \$50,000 GPR for modifications to the WALDO lead and asbestos registry.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$147,300	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)	(2.5 FTE)	
	State Operations - Other Costs	25,200	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$172,500	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR	154,000	
	FED		
	PRO/PRS (18,500)	18,500	
	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, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS (18,500)	18,500	
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$18,500	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$172,500	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$18,500	\$
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