

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-0140/1	Introduction Number	AB-0036	Estimate Type	Original
Description Grants for catastrophic damage caused to urban forests					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Summary: Under current law, the Department's urban forestry grant program distributes 50% match grants to local units of government, tribes and 501(c)(3) non-profit conservation organizations (NCOs) annually for the management of trees in populated areas and for related projects such as urban forestry management plans, staff training and public education. Under current law the Department does not have the authority to quickly provide urban forestry grants to meet communities' needs for repair, removal and replacement of trees following a catastrophic storm event; however, this bill would allow the Department to provide grants covering 100% of the costs for this purpose.

Assumptions: Since 1990, there has been, on average, one storm annually where the Governor has designated a state of emergency for an area. The Department estimated that grants totalling as much as \$106,000, or 20% of the total currently available for urban forestry grants, and up to \$50,000 each, would be made available annually to local government, tribes and nonprofit organizations in communities suffering a storm event that leads to a declaration of emergency by the Governor. Funding for the proposed grants will come from the existing funding appropriated for the urban forestry grant program, which is currently approximately \$529,900 annually.

FISCAL IMPACTS TO STATE (ANNUALIZED) - There would not be any fiscal impact to the state on an annual basis, as the existing grant funds would be utilized.

The Department also anticipates one-time costs of \$4,200 (120 hours at \$35/hour) related to promulgating administrative rules needed to implement the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACTS TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT - Any local unit of government, tribe or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that received a grant from the Department for a catastrophic storm event would realize an increase in revenue of up to \$50,000, since there would be no match required for the grant. However, annually, the full amount authorized for the urban forestry grants will be distributed to local units of government, nonprofits and tribes, and this bill will not change the total amount distributed. If grants are given out related to repair, removal and replacement of trees following a catastrophic storm event, this may result in an estimated decrease in annual funding of up to 20%--or \$106,000 -- for the other urban forestry grants to communities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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 Updated
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 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):			
Approval of the proposed legislation will require the development of rules to implement the provision at an estimated one time cost of \$4,200 (120hrs @ \$35/hr.)			
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, etc.)			
		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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