

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/27/2008

LRB Number 07-0196/2	Introduction Number AB-0866	Estimate Type Original
Description Creating an Office of Public Intervenor in the Department of Justice and making an appropriation		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: This bill recreates an office of public intervenor attached to the Department of Justice, with the same duties and authority that existed before 1995 Wisconsin Act 27. That act eliminated the office of public intervenor and its board. This bill recreates the ability of the public intervenor to intervene in both administrative and court proceedings. The bill also requires DNR personnel to notify the public intervenor of all administrative proceedings under the environmental protection chapters and to make such investigations, studies and reports to assist the public intervenor either before or during such formal intervention.

Fiscal Estimate: The bill will increase the workload of DNR staff. It essentially restores operations to a level that existed prior to 1997 Wisconsin Act 27. In addition, workload volume is difficult to predict and can fluctuate significantly from year to year. The Department anticipates that whatever workload is created by restoration of the public intervenor will be absorbed by current staff as was the case before its elimination. The cost estimate for this fiscal note makes the following cost assumptions:

Each hearing or proceeding in which the public intervenor is involved will require the following hours of DNR staff time at a cost of approximately \$2,280 per hearing: Attorney Staff time (16 hours x \$66.63 salary & fringe per hour); Clerical Support Staff time (8 hours x \$31.46 salary & fringe per hour); and Program Staff time (24 hours * \$40.24 salary & fringe per hour). Additionally, the Department assumes it will be involved in 6 such hearings per year on average. Therefore, the Department estimates the total annual costs at \$13,700 (\$2,280 x 6 hearings).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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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):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$13,700	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$13,700	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR	6,800	
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	6,900	
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			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$13,700	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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