

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-4111/1	Introduction Number AB-0715
Description Certain areas of land subject to managed forest land orders that were part of parcels of land that exceeded 1,000 acres in size	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

CURRENT LAW

An owner of land enrolled under the managed forest law (MFL) program may designate part of his or her land as closed to public access. In general, the closed area may consist of up to 160 acres in each municipality, of which no more than 80 acres may have been enrolled under the program before April 28, 2004.

Land enrolled under the MFL is exempt from property taxes. An MFL landowner must currently make an annual "acreage share" payment to the municipality where the land is located of \$0.67 on land enrolled before April 28, 2004, and \$1.67 per acre for all other land. This fee is paid to the municipality where the land is located. The municipality retains 80% and forwards 20% to the county. For land closed to public access, an additional annual fee called the "closure fee", must be paid. This fee is currently \$0.90 per acre for MFL entries that took effect before April 28, 2004 and \$6.67 for all other land. This fee is remitted to the Department of Natural Resources.

PROPOSED LAW

Under the bill, the owner of land that is enrolled under the MFL by an order of the DNR on or after January 1, 2010, may not close any of his or her land to the public if, on January 1, 2009, all of the following conditions are met: (1) the enrolled MFL parcel (defined as a contiguous area of enrolled land) exceeds 1,000 acres; (2) the parcel is in a single municipality and under single ownership, and (3) the land was not enrolled under the forest crop law program, woodland tax law program (both predecessor programs to the MFL), or MFL program.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the primary responsibility for administering the MFL program. The land records which would permit an estimate of the number of landowners and acreage potentially subject to the provisions of the bill are maintained by the DNR. To the extent that landowners are unable to close their land to public access, closure fee collections may decline when compared to current law. The Department of Revenue is unable to estimate the effect this bill would have on the DNR.

The bill has no effect of DOR administrative costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications