

## Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>09-4111/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0715</b>
<b>Description</b> Certain areas of land subject to managed forest land orders that were part of parcels of land that exceeded 1,000 acres in size	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue                          5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.370 (1) (mv)	
<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>	
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2/16/2010	

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill specifies that the owner of a parcel of land that is enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program may not close the land to public access, even if the lands are 160 acres or less, if all of the following specific conditions are met:

- (1) The land is under single ownership of 1000 acres or more as of January 1, 2009.
- (2) The land is located in a single municipality.
- (3) The land is not enrolled in the MFL or Forest Crop Law (FCL) program as of January 1, 2009.

### STATE FISCAL EFFECT

**REDUCTION OF CLOSED ACREAGE FEES:** Three ownerships comprised of 10,415 acres that are currently enrolled in MFL appear to meet the criteria established in the bill. These ownerships would be required to open lands to public access or be placed on regular property tax rolls.

If the 3 landowners choose to remain in the MFL program and open all 10,415 acres to public access, the State would lose the collection of the closed acreage fee of \$6.67 per acre (land entered in 2005 and later) for an annual revenue loss of \$69,500 (10,415 acres x \$6.67 per acre = \$69,468).

**ONE-TIME COST TO UPDATE LITERATURE, APPLICATIONS, AND WEBSITES:** Updating published information as a result of the bill would cost approximately \$2,500 (8,000 applications x \$0.1356 per application = \$1,085 plus 40 hours of staff time x \$34.27 hour salary and fringe = \$1,370).

**ONE-TIME COST TO DEVELOP A DATABASE TO IDENTIFY LANDS THAT MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE BILL:** The Department would need to develop a database in conjunction with county land offices to identify lands that meet the conditions of the bill. The database would be used in future years to determine if landowners applying for MFL would be required to keep lands open to public access. This database would not need updating after its development because it would only identify lands that meet the criteria as of January 1, 2009.

The database would encompass 72 counties and cost an estimated \$8,100 to pay for the time and expenses to gather the information under an open records request (71 counties @ \$100 per open records request + 1 county @ \$1,000 per open record request = \$8100).

### LOCAL FISCAL EFFECT

None.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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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> \$2,500 to update literature and \$8,100 to develop database to identify lands meeting the bill's criteria			
<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, ets.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		-69,500
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$-69,500</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-69,500	\$
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