

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-0140/1	Introduction Number AB-0087
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Description
 Disposal of ash resulting from the burning of a structure

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 checked="" 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
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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 type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	_____

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: The bill would prohibit the Department from requiring that ash resulting from the burning of a structure for practice or instruction of fire fighters, or the testing of fire fighting equipment be disposed of in a landfill licensed under s. 289.31 Stats.

Assumptions: The Department's Air Management Program estimates that approximately 200 test burns occur in Wisconsin annually. Based on consultations with landfill owners, the Department estimates that each test burn produces approximately 20 tons of ash. A further estimate is that in 80% of cases, test burn ash would not be voluntarily disposed of in licensed landfills.

State Fiscal Estimate: The current Wisconsin tipping fees are approximately \$5.90 per ton. Since the majority of tonnage tipping fees are revenue sources for the Environmental Fund and the Recycling and Renewable Energy Fund, it is assumed that the prohibition of ash may result in decreased revenue to these funds. It is assumed that: 200 test burns X 80% X 20 tons of ash X \$5.90 = \$18,900 in lost revenue. It is not possible to determine the associated reduced state operations expenditures, so this fiscal effect is indeterminate.

Local Fiscal Estimate: Since the Environmental Fund and the Recycling Fund also fund local aids, it is assumed the prohibition of ash may result in a decrease in these local aids expenditures. It is not possible to determine the reduced local aids, so this fiscal effect is indeterminate.

Individual Fiscal Estimate: The property owner is typically responsible for the cost of landfill ash disposal following a test burn. In the short run, savings would accrue to the property owner. Avoided costs to properly dispose of the ash, including transportation costs and tipping fees, could run \$30 to \$50 per ton. Annual Avoided Costs to Property Owners of Disposing of Test Burn Ash in Licensed Landfills: 200 test burns per year X 80% X 20 tons of ash per test burn X \$40 per ton average = \$130,000 per year.

Avoided costs from not being required to landfill test burn ash could be outpaced by costs associated with private well replacements, groundwater cleanup, or reduced property values. These costs could accrue to property owners or governmental entities but are also assumed to be indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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): None			
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			-18,900
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$-18,900
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-18,900	\$
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