

### Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

**LRB Number 11-1228/1**      **Introduction Number SB-033**

**Description**  
 Removal of abandoned dams

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  
 No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
      Increase Existing Appropriations     
      Increase Existing Revenues     
      Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
      Decrease Existing Appropriations     
      Decrease Existing Revenues     
   
      Yes       No  
      Create New Appropriations     
      Decrease Costs

**Local:**  
 No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate  
     1.  Increase Costs     
     3.  Increase Revenue     
     5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  
         Permissive  Mandatory     
         Permissive  Mandatory     
         Towns       Village       Cities  
     2.  Decrease Costs     
     4.  Decrease Revenue     
         Counties       Others  
         Permissive  Mandatory     
         Permissive  Mandatory     
         School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**  
 GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill directs the Department to consider the results dam removal will have on the safety, health and welfare of the persons who will be affected by the removal.

Removals of large dams require preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA provides a format for assessing the anticipated effects of dam removal, which include the results that the removal will have on safety, health and welfare. Small dam removals do not necessarily require an EA, but staff typically perform a similar review process to decide on permit conditions.

The procedures for evaluating a dam removal application differ based on how the dam was authorized; however, prior to the removal, all projects provide an opportunity for a public information hearing or a contested case hearing to be conducted for individuals who may be affected by the project. The Department can place conditions on the removal to address individual's concerns and to mitigate the impact on safety, life, health or property.

Since the bill reinforces current practice by the Department in handling dam removal cases, it has no fiscal effect.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The legislation emphasizes criteria that are already used by staff when evaluating dam removal applications; therefore, the immediate and long-term fiscal impacts should be minimal.