

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/19/2013

LRB Number	13-0173/1	Introduction Number	AB-0084	Estimate Type	Original
Description Exceptions to requirements for fishing licenses and aquatic plant management permits					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law, with certain exceptions, requires a person who fishes in the waters of this state to hold a fishing license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This bill creates an exception to the general fishing license requirements under current law for persons that fish in a self-contained pond located entirely on private property if given permission by the property owner.

Under current law, a person may not control aquatic plants in waters of this state by the use of chemicals without an aquatic plant management (APM) permit issued by DNR. This bill allows a person to use an algaecide or herbicide in a self-contained pond located entirely on private property without obtaining an APM permit.

Assumptions

1. To the extent that individuals choose to fish in ponds that are entirely confined on private property, the bill would result in an indeterminate reduction in fishing license revenues.
2. Bureau of Law Enforcement--any additional impacts in staff time to train and inform staff and the public that they do not need a fishing license would be offset with reduced effort needed to check for license compliance on these waters, although all other rules on size, bag and season limits would still apply and will still need to be enforced.
3. Water Division--the Department estimates that the permitting exemption for applying algaecides and herbicides in private ponds would apply to an estimated 619 ponds. Assuming that an Aquatic Plant Management (APM) permit would cost \$20 each, the exemption would result in an estimated loss of APM permit revenue of \$12,400, or roughly 10% of APM revenues generated annually. Since APM fees support field LTEs managing aquatic plant issues in the state, the revenue loss could result in a reduction of approximately one LTE statewide, or a 12% reduction (from 8 to 7) in staffing capacity.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 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):			
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			-12,400
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	-\$12,400
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		-\$12,400	\$
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