

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-2789/1	Introduction Number	SB-188	Estimate Type	Original
Description snowmobile trail use stickers and trail aids and supplemental trail aids for snowmobile trail maintenance					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

1. Trail Pass Stickers

The bill eliminates the fiscal year limitations on snowmobile trail pass categories and their associated fees, thus making them permanent. Doing so will have no impact on revenues currently generated from those fees.

2. Trail Maintenance Grants

The bill increases the snowmobile trail maintenance grant payment from \$250 per mile to \$300 per mile.

This will increase maintenance grant payments by approximately \$1 million per year, leaving less funding available for trail development projects that are competitively awarded in consultation with the Governor's Snowmobile Council.

There is no fiscal impact since overall grant expenditures will remain dependent upon funding generated from the gas tax formula as well as available revenues from the prior fiscal year for registrations and trail passes.

3. Supplemental Maintenance Grants

The bill increases the eligibility requirement for supplemental maintenance grants in two ways:

1. Grantees must incur costs exceeding the maximum \$300 per mile per year (currently \$250/mile).
2. Grantees must incur grooming costs exceeding \$200 per mile per year (currently \$150/mile).

There is no fiscal impact since overall grant expenditures will remain dependent upon revenues generated from non-resident trail pass sales and the gas tax multiplier, in addition to snowfall amount and the length of season. In years where the requests exceed available funds, the payments are prorated.

There are no additional administrative costs that will be incurred to implement the provisions of the bill since administrative work for maintenance and development grants is already taking place.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications