

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to collect and store or dispose of fire fighting foams that contain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and that are voluntarily surrendered. The bill allows DATCP, with the advice of DNR, to contract with a third party to conduct the collection and storage or disposal. The bill requires DATCP or the third party administering the collection program to prioritize collecting from the state and from cities, villages, towns, and counties. Under the bill, any PFAS foams that are collected under the program must be stored in an environmentally safe manner until properly disposed of or treated.

State Fiscal Effect

The current Clean Sweep program is operated by DATCP. DNR currently has no direct involvement but that would likely increase by an indeterminate amount based upon the needs of DATCP. In 2019, DATCP awarded ~90 grants to fewer grantees for all Clean Sweep activities (agriculture, HHW and unwanted drug). In contrast, there are approximately 820 fire departments in Wisconsin, and some or all of them may have PFAS-containing fire fighting foam to dispose of using Clean Sweep grants.

Local Fiscal Effect

This bill could reduce the financial burden of disposing of PFAS containing fire fighting foam while ensuring safe disposal.

Local governments would benefit from reduced or avoided expenses if a state-funded Clean Sweep effort was provided for PFAS-containing fire fighting foam disposal. However, local governments would still have the expense of replacing their fire fighting foam with fluorine-free alternatives. It is also unclear if there would be a cost-share requirement for local governments under this bill. The existing Clean Sweep program requires a 25% local match, which can be in-kind.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications