

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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 mining, wetlands, shoreland zoning, and scientist and educator positions and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		<input type="checkbox"/> Counties
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts
			<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

<p>Fund Sources Affected</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS </p>	<p>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</p> <p>20.370 (9)(bm); (9)(gh); (9)(gi); (1)(mu); (2)(mv); (4)(aq); (4)(hq); (9)(iq); (9)(fj); (9)(mr)</p>
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

I. Mining Provisions

The bill reinstates the prerequisite for issuing sulfide ore mining permits that existed prior to 2017 Wisconsin Act 134.

In addition, it changes the laws under which DNR currently regulates mining so that the laws are substantially the same as they existed before enactment of 2013 Wisconsin Act 1, 2013 Wisconsin Act 81, and 2017 Wisconsin Act 134.

Fiscal Effect: The fiscal impact of any given mining project is determined by its size, scope and site conditions. Since there are currently no proposed or active metallic mining projects in the state, nor any proposed or active bulk sampling activities, any effort to assess impacts would be highly speculative and are therefore considered to be indeterminate at both the state and local level.

II. Shoreland Zoning Provisions

The bill eliminates the changes to laws regulating shoreland zoning that were made under the 2015 biennial budget act, 2015 Wisconsin Act 55.

Fiscal Effect--State: The bill would have an impact on the Department in that additional time for review, analysis with the shoreland policy coordinator, legal team, and legislative liaison would be necessary. An updated document would need to be prepared for the counties and potential meetings would be required. Ordinance certification for amended ordinances would be necessary. The amount of time and associated costs related to the changes are indeterminate.

Fiscal Effect--Local: The bill has several proposed statutory changes that would increase revenue for counties by returning to requiring a permit and associated fee to be charged for certain activities to specific identified structures. The increased revenue is indeterminate because the number of permits issued and the associated fees vary widely across the state. The bill would also require ordinance amendments which will require staff time and resources. The amount of time and associated costs related to the required ordinance changes is indeterminate.

III. Wetlands Provisions

A. Wetland Study Council: The bill eliminates the wetland study council

Fiscal Effect: This provision would reduce staff time needed to facilitate and participate in council meetings and decision-making processes. Based on the currently monthly meeting frequency, it is estimated that 540 hours (0.30 FTE) of staff time per year would be saved by eliminating the council. Assuming an hourly salary/fringe rate of \$41.53, it translates to estimated annual reduced costs of \$22,400.

B. Removal of the Artificial Wetland Exemption: The bill eliminates exemptions from permitting requirements for discharges into artificial wetlands.

Fiscal Effect: The Department estimates that an additional 3225 hours (1.75 FTE) would be spent to process permit requests if the artificial wetland exemption is eliminated. Assuming an hourly salary/fringe rate of \$41.53, it translates to estimated annual increased costs of \$133,900. These costs would be offset by an estimated annual

increase in permit revenue of \$146,000.

C. Removal of Non-Federal Wetland Exemption: The bill eliminates exemptions from permitting requirements for discharges into non-federal wetlands.

Fiscal Effect: The Department estimates that an additional 700 hours (0.40 FTE) would be spent to process permit requests if the non-federal wetland exemption is eliminated. Assuming an hourly salary/fringe rate of \$41.53, it translates to estimated annual increased costs of \$29,100. These costs would be offset by an estimated annual increase in permit revenue of \$33,500.

D. State administration of wetland permit program: The bill removes the authority granted to DNR under current law to submit an application requesting that the state be delegated the authority to administer its own individual and general permit program for the discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, including federal wetlands, in place of the federal regulatory program.

Fiscal Effect: This modification is not believed to have a fiscal effect.

E. Wetland mitigation grant program: The bill eliminates the wetland mitigation grant program (mitigation program), under which nonprofit organizations may apply to DNR on a rolling basis for grants to conduct projects to create, restore, or enhance wetlands on DNR land, using moneys received under the in lieu fee subprogram and from surcharge fees charged for each application to proceed under a wetland general permit.

Fiscal Effect: This modification is not believed to have a fiscal effect.

IV. Additional Positions

Fiscal Effect: The bill restores staffing and budget cuts absorbed by the Department in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 by providing 29.4 FTE (17.15 SEG, 11.00 FED, and 1.25 Program Revenue) and ongoing funding of \$1,672,900.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2019 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	\$1,835,900		\$-22,400
(FTE Position Changes)	(31.6 FTE)		(-0.3 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,835,900		\$-22,400
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS	266,800		
SEG/SEG-S	1,569,100		-22,400
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	179,500		
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$179,500	\$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,813,500	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$179,500	\$	
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