

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	19-5280/1	Introduction Number	SB-708	Estimate Type	Original
Description public notice and comment period for certain groundwater standards					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources compiles a list of substances that are detected or have a reasonable probability of entering the groundwater resources of this state; identifies which of these substances is of public health or welfare concerns; and ranks the substances based on their risks. It then submits this list to the Department of Health Services. DHS then develops recommendations for enforcement standards of these substances, which DNR then incorporates into its rules.

This bill requires DNR to provide public notice of the list of groundwater substances that it compiles along with the information and reasoning it used in compiling its list. The bill also requires DHS, upon developing a recommended enforcement standard for a substance identified as a public health risk, to provide public notice and a 21-day public comment period on the proposed recommendation, and must provide notice of the information and reasoning it used in developing the recommendation, before submitting the recommendation to DNR.

To provide public notice and a 21-day public comment period for the activities specified in this bill, DHS will incur minimal costs, which can be absorbed using existing resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications