

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **19-5274/1** Introduction Number **SB-709**

Description
 creating an office of water policy and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No
 Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates an Office of Water Policy that is attached to the University of Wisconsin System and housed within the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey of the Division of Extension of UW-Madison. The purpose of this office is to coordinate efforts to manage, conserve, protect, and enhance the productivity of the state's water resources for domestic, municipal, commercial, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other public and private uses. The bill requires state agencies, upon request of the office, to cooperate and assist the office in carrying out its duties and exercising its powers.

Among other responsibilities, no later than December 31, 2021, the director of the Office of Water Policy must create a publicly accessible user-friendly dashboard for municipal water quality reports, private well data, and surface water quality information. The dashboard must be compiled from information from the Public Service Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Health Services, campuses of the University of Wisconsin System, the Division of Extension of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and other credible organizations.

To assist the Office of Water Policy with this dashboard and any other activities requested by the office, DHS will need to provide some staff support, resulting in minimal costs. These costs can be absorbed using existing resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications