

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 19-5274/1	Introduction Number SB-709
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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. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2019 SB 709 creates an Office of Water Policy, which is attached to the University of Wisconsin System, to coordinate various efforts surrounding the state's water resources. Among other things, the bill requires the Office of Water Policy to create a public dashboard with information on municipal water quality reports, private well data and surface water quality using data from various state agencies and other credible organizations. The bill also requires the Office of Water Policy to facilitate information sharing between state agencies, University of Wisconsin System campuses and other stakeholders. In addition, 2019 SB 709 requires the Office of Water Policy to perform a feasibility assessment of statewide programs to promote water efficiency and conservation and improve water quality.

2019 SB 709 would require Public Service Commission staff time to compile data, participate in meetings, and conduct other activities requested by the Office of Water Policy. These activities would support the Office of Water Policy's publicly accessible dashboard, the fulfillment of its requirements related to the Blue Accounting initiative of the Great Lakes Commission, and the development of a feasibility assessment for statewide water conservation and efficiency and water quality improvement programs included in the proposed legislation. These tasks can be absorbed by existing Commission staff resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications