

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/10/2020

LRB Number	19-5503/1	Introduction Number	SB-761	Estimate Type	Original
Description grants to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip, funding for the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires DNR to award up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in grants to local governments or American Indian tribes or bands that have declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed for projects on public or private land to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip. The bill allows a grant recipient to collaborate with a regional conservation organization on a project funded by the grant. The bill appropriates \$50,000 annually to the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation (NHC) to administer the grant program.

Assumptions

The bill lacks clarity in how the \$50,000 in SEG spending authority for grants administration is to be funded; therefore, the Department assumes that the funding source would be the endangered resources account of the conservation fund, which is the account most closely connected to the NHC Bureau.

State Fiscal Effect

A. NHC operations costs will increase by an estimated \$50,000 year for a limited term employee to assist in grant-funding-application acquisition, evaluation and distribution. This coincides with the operations spending authority prescribed in the bill. Due to funding limitations of the endangered resources account of the conservation fund (e.g., license plate revenue, tax check-offs, gifts, donations, etc.), the department will have to reduce other services provided by the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation in order to accommodate the \$50,000/year in new administrative costs to administer the grant program.

B. Grant expenditures will increase by an estimated \$100,000/year, which coincides with the funding prescribed in the bill. Grants will be awarded to local governments or American Indian tribes or bands that have declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed for projects on public or private land to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip.

Local Fiscal Effect

Revenue and costs for local units of government will increase to the extent that they successfully compete for a grant. Successful parsnip eradication efforts could require local units of government to incur costs beyond the initial removal—including planting of native vegetation to out-compete wild parsnip—which may not be covered through the grant.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2019 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
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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	\$50,000		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	100,000		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$150,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	100,000		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	50,000		
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			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$150,000		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$100,000
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