

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DHS 2/7/2020

LRB Number	19-5545/1	Introduction Number	SB-772	Estimate Type	Original
Description PFAS standards and grant programs, providing blood testing for certain individuals, requiring a cancer cluster study, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires DHS to create and administer a pilot program to provide free blood testing, beginning no later than Sept. 1, 2020, for individuals living on or near sites or facilities contaminated with PFAS or other toxic compounds in the city of Marinette, the town of Peshtigo, the city of Peshtigo, or the town of Porterfield.

The bill requires DHS to conduct a cancer cluster study to investigate the incidence of PFAS-related cancers and other illnesses in the city of Marinette, the town of Peshtigo, the city of Peshtigo, and the town of Porterfield.

This bill provides 2.0 GPR project positions, an advanced toxicologist and research scientist, to recommend enforcement standards for PFAS under s. 160.07. The total cost of these positions is \$38,000 GPR in FY 20 and \$151,900 GPR in FY 21.

A pilot program to provide free blood testing to individuals can occur with two different approaches.

One approach would be to offer blood testing and test results to any interested party. DHS would not conduct any further analysis of the data resulting from the tests. Assuming 1,200 individuals seek tests, DHS would require 1.0 FTE GPR Human Services Program Coordinator-Senior to coordinate, \$95,000 GPR for staffing, and \$510,000 GPR for testing.

A second approach would be for DHS to conduct blood tests of a targeted sample of community members, analyze and interpret the resulting data, and report results to the community. Under this option, DHS will need to staff a program coordinator, outreach specialist, and epidemiologist at an annual cost of \$285,000 GPR and 3.0 FTE. The Department estimates a pilot program would test 600 individuals per year, with blood sample collection and blood analysis costing \$925 per person, for a total cost of \$555,000 GPR per year. These costs would need to be GPR funded unless the Department receives legislative authority to use another funding source is identified.

When responding to concerns about potential chemical exposures that may be contributing factors to cancer diagnoses in communities, the Department follows a standard protocol that involves (a) investigating the types of cancers that have been reported, (b) learning about potential risk factors that may contribute to increased occurrence, and (c) assessing if there are chemicals in the environment that could pose a risk. In order to complete this work, the Department will require a 1.0 FTE GPR epidemiologist and \$23,750 GPR in FY20 and \$95,000 GPR in FY21.

In sum, if the first approach is pursued for the pilot program, the total fiscal effect of this bill is \$851,900 GPR and 4.0 FTE annually. If the second approach is pursued for the pilot program, the total fiscal effect will be \$1,086,900 GPR and 6.0 FTE annually. DHS is unable to absorb these costs using existing resources.

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	\$531,900	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(6.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	555,000	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,086,900	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	1,086,900	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)		
	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	\$1,086,900	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$

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