

### Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>21-2260/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0140</b>
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**Description**  
 expanding the clean sweep program to include collection of certain fire fighting foams and making an appropriation

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		

**Local:**

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<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	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<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

DNR 3/10/2021

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to collect and store or dispose of fire fighting foams that contain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and that are voluntarily surrendered. The bill allows DATCP to contract with a third party to conduct the collection and storage or disposal. The bill requires DATCP or the third party administering the collection program to prioritize collecting from the state and from cities, villages, towns, and counties. Under the bill, any PFAS foams that are collected under the program must be stored in an environmentally safe manner until properly disposed of or treated, according to DNR's administrative rules.

The bill also allocates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022, from the environmental fund to DATCP, to fund fire fighting foam collection efforts.

### Background Information

In 2020, DNR analyzed results of a survey of local and state emergency responders to determine the level of use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam. Of the approximately 825 fire departments in Wisconsin, 596 fire departments responded to the survey. Based on survey results, it is estimated that the total amount of fluorinated firefighting foam held by some of 825 fire departments is at least 63,200 gallons and may be as high as 96,300 gallons. Of that, the total amount of expired foam in need of disposal using Clean Sweep across the state is estimated to be at least 23,700 gallons and may be as high as 44,700 gallons.

### State Fiscal Effect

The current Clean Sweep program is operated by DATCP. DNR currently has no direct involvement in the program, but would incur an indeterminate amount of expenses for staff time to coordinate with DATCP on program development that is consistent with treatment and disposal rules for firefighting foams that contain PFAS.

### Local Fiscal Effect

The overall local fiscal effect of the bill is indeterminate. Local governments would benefit from reduced or avoided expenses if a state-funded Clean Sweep effort is provided for PFAS-containing fire fighting foam disposal. However, local governments would still incur the expense of replacing their fire fighting foam with fluorine-free alternatives.

It is unclear if there would be a cost-share requirement for local governments under this bill. The existing Clean Sweep program requires a 25% local match, which can be in-kind.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications