

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-5954/1	Introduction Number SB-948
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Description
 Removing the livestock requirement under the well compensation grant program and requiring an annual report to the Joint Committee on Finance

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	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 0 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<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	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/10/2022

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill removes the requirement that a water supply contaminated only by nitrates must also be used for livestock to be eligible for a Well Compensation Grant. Under the bill, a well that is contaminated only by nitrates is eligible for a grant if the well is used at least three months in each year and contains nitrates in excess of 40 parts per million (ppm).

The bill also requires the department to prepare an annual report to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) detailing the number of claims submitted and amount of awards provided under Well Compensation Grant program.

State Fiscal Effect

I. One-Time Costs

The department will incur minimal one-time costs to update Well Compensation Grant application materials and website.

II. Ongoing Costs

A. Department staff queried the Groundwater Retrieval Network database for nitrate samples collected between 1/1/2001 and 12/31/2021. After adjusting for duplicate samples, 41 of the 33,746 samples--or 0.1%--contained nitrate levels greater than 40 ppm over this 21 year period. Of these 41 wells, it's not possible to know how many well owners would meet the income eligibility criteria and thus would be eligible for a Well Compensation Grant. Therefore, the impact on grant expenditures is indeterminate.

B. Given the number of wells that contain nitrates over 40 ppm from the Groundwater Retrieval Network query, it is assumed that the ongoing workload to review applications and process grants for wells that meet this criteria and the income limit of \$65,000 is minimal.

C. The department will incur minimal costs to prepare the annual report for JFC.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications