

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-2726/1	Introduction Number AB-0254	
Description a wetland assured delineation program, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
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"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.370 (9)(bi)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

I. Bill Summary

The bill includes several provisions regarding wetland boundary delineation:

1. It adds a wetland assured delineation program as a fourth method to delineate the boundaries of a wetland in a manner recognized by DNR.
2. It requires DNR to charge a \$500 application processing fee to assured delineator applicants.
3. It requires DNR to charge a \$1,200 annual certification fee to an assured delineator.
4. It requires a report of each wetland delineation an assured delineator prepares, and allows the DNR to charge a filing fee not to exceed \$20 for each report submitted.
5. It provides that a wetland delineation prepared by an assured delineator is effective for five years from the date upon which the wetland delineation report is submitted to DNR.
5. It requires DNR to review the performance of assured delineators on a recurring basis and authorizes DNR to perform in-field audits of specific wetland delineations.
6. It requires the DNR to consider a person who is approved or certified as an assured delineator under an existing pilot program as certified as an assured delineator under the program created in the bill.

II. Assumptions

Under the existing pilot program:

1. There are currently 45 assured delineators. This estimate assumes a relatively stable number of participants in the assured delineator program into the future.
2. On average, approximately 10 people apply to gain assured status per year. This estimate assumes that amount will remain relatively stable into the future.
3. There are approximately 700 assured wetland delineations submitted per year. This estimate assumes that amount will remain relatively stable in the future.

III. State Fiscal Effect

1. Costs

One-time and ongoing costs to implement the bill are estimated to be minimal since the bill codifies the pilot program delineation practices and procedures.

2. Revenues

a. **Certification Fee:** the bill would increase the annual certification fee by \$300, from \$900 to \$1200. Assuming 45 assured delineators per year, the bill would increase annual program revenue by \$13,500 (45 x \$300).

b. **Application Processing Fee:** the bill would require the Department to charge a \$500 application processing fee to assured delineator applicants. Assuming 10 applicants per year, the bill would increase annual program revenue by \$5,000 (10 x \$500).

c. Report Filing Fee: the bill allows the Department to charge a \$20 filing fee for each wetland delineation report submitted. Assuming that the Department opts to charge the fee, and assuming that there are 700 reports submitted per year, the bill would increase annual program revenue by \$14,000 (700 x \$20).

d. In total, the bill is estimated to increase annual program revenue by \$32,500.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 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	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
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	32,500	
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$32,500	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$32,500	\$
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