

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-4470/1	Introduction Number SB-0486
Description legalizing the possession of marijuana; medical marijuana; regulating the production, processing, and sale of marijuana; expunging or redesignating past convictions for marijuana-related crimes; equity grants; making an appropriation; and providing a penalty	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
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 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill establishes recreational and medical marijuana programs and various criminal provisions related to marijuana possession.

Fiscal Effect

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is a primary enforcement agency for impaired driving prohibitions and accident investigations related to recreational vehicles (e.g. all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, motorboats, snowmobiles) as well as motor vehicles within department properties (e.g. state parks, forests, etc.). Department conservation wardens also enforce numerous state law provisions related to safe weapon handling, including prohibitions related to going armed with firearms with a detectable amount of a restricted controlled substance in blood, and have additional authority to make arrests for crimes in their presence throughout the state, such as controlled substance violations detected during fish and game enforcement.

The DNR is also assigned police supervision of all department properties, which involves the enforcement of all state laws (including controlled substance possession prohibitions) and the regulation of visitor conduct to ensure department properties remain safe and support high-quality recreational experiences for customers.

The fiscal effect of the bill is indeterminate. Conclusions regarding the fiscal impact of establishing recreational and medical marijuana programs in other states are diverse and complicated and do not provide consistent guidance to inform a detailed cost estimate for this proposal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications