

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 10/20/2021

LRB Number	21-4361/1	Introduction Number	SB-545	Estimate Type	Original
Description legalizing recreational marijuana, granting rule-making authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty					

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