

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-5396/1	Introduction Number	SB-774	Estimate Type	Original
Description report on environmental impacts to vulnerable communities and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill prohibits the department from issuing certain permits for the operation of a facility that is located in a vulnerable community unless the permit applicant complies with required reporting requirements. "Vulnerable community" is defined as any census block group in which at least 50 percent of the households qualify as low-income households and either of the following apply: 1) at least 40 percent of the residents identify as Black, African American, Asian American, Hispanic, or Latino or as members of a federally recognized Indian tribe or band, or 2) at least 40 percent of the households have limited English proficiency.

The department must consider community support and any testimony presented at the public hearing in its decision to grant or deny a permit and must evaluate revisions or conditions to the permit that may be necessary to reduce the adverse impact to the public health or to the environment in the vulnerable community. The department may deny an application for a permit for a facility in a vulnerable community if it finds that the cumulative impact of the facility that would be covered by the permit, in addition to the existing conditions in the vulnerable community, constitute an unreasonable risk to the environment and the health of the residents in the vulnerable community.

State Fiscal Effect

Department staff would allocate an indeterminate amount of time to identify and maintain a list of vulnerable communities in the state and comply with the permit review and issuance requirements identified in the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications