



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/13/02

LRB Number	01-3807/2	Introduction Number	AB-790	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Subject</b>					
Funding to DNR for forestry and use of forestation tax moneys					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: This bill restores funding for forestry purposes within the Department of Natural Resources that was vetoed from the 2001-03 biennial budget bill. The 2001-03 budget bill enacted by the state legislature created a department of forestry and transferred the division of forestry under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and all of its related programs, operations, and employee positions to the new department. The effective date of the transfer was July 1, 2002. The governor vetoed these provisions. The veto included the elimination of the appropriations for the new department for fiscal year 2002-03. This bill restores the funding to the corresponding appropriations within DNR, and restores the corresponding FTE employee positions under DNR that relate to the division of Forestry and these programs and operations for fiscal year 2002-03.

This bill also includes a provision that was in the 2001-03 biennial budget bill which was subsequently vetoed as part of the veto of the Department of Forestry. This provision increased the seedling surcharge on planting stock for forest and woodlot planting sold by the DNR from 2 cents per seedling to 3 cents per seedling, effective July 1, 2002. Under current law, the seedling surcharge is used for the development of a forestry education curriculum for grades K - 12, and for developing a program to educate the public about the value of sustainable forestry. This bill changes the allocation of these funds so that beginning with FY 2002-03, 50% of the money is appropriated for a forestry education curriculum and 50% is appropriated for the sustainable forestry program. Under current law, an amount totaling not more than \$300,000 is appropriated for the development of the school curriculum, with the balance going to educating the public about sustainable forestry.

Fiscal Estimate: The restoration of funding for Forestry purposes within DNR is equivalent to the amount vetoed by the Governor in the 2001-03 biennial budget bill, and would not have been an increase or decrease in state government costs. However, due to the veto, current law provides no funding for the purposes specified, so the restored funding represents an increase in costs to current law of \$67,275,000 (\$66,969,900 SEG and \$305,100 GPR). The bill also restores a total of 661.32 FTE positions to the DNR that had been transferred to the Department of Forestry, and subsequently vetoed.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$39,595,400	
(FTE Position Changes)		(661.3 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs		21,444,800	
Local Assistance		4,679,800	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		1,555,000	
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$67,275,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR		305,100	
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		66,969,900	
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$67,275,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$4,679,800
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