

### Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 01-3542/1	<b>Introduction Number</b> SB-337
<b>Subject</b> Wearing of personal flotation devices	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.370(3)(ar)	
<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DNR 1/29/02**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Bill Summary: Currently, while boating, there must be a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person in the boat. Under this bill, a person may not operate a boat that is less than 26 feet in length unless, during the time the boat is under way, every person on the boat who is 16 years old or younger is wearing a personal flotation device or is in a cabin space or below the deck.

Fiscal Estimate: The fiscal impact of this bill is two part: a stepped up informational campaign that promotes the wearing of PFDs, and increased law enforcement presence to address non-compliance.

The informational campaign will require Law Enforcement Officers to spend extra time with each boater to explain the law. This will reduce the number of contacts made with boaters per year (approximately 70,000 under current staffing). In addition, this proposal will require public service announcements on radio and television. This is estimated to cost \$40,000 per year, but this cost will be offset by a reduction in other boating PSAs.

Approximately 70,000 contacts with boaters are made per year with current state law enforcement staffing. It is estimated that there will be, at a minimum, a 5% non-compliance rate with this proposal, even with the informational outreach. That equates to 3,500 boaters out of the 70,000 typically contacted who will be in violation. (Law enforcement typically contacts 7%-10% of the 875,000 boaters in this state). If citations were issued to 10% of the people contacted and verbal warnings to the remaining 90%, then it would require 1.2 FTE worth of effort to carry out this proposal (350 persons receiving citations x 1.50 hours per citation including court time/ 1830 hours per FTE)+ (3,150 persons receiving warnings x 0.50 hours per warning/1830 hours per FTE). The time needed to carry out this proposal will come from a redirection of current boating enforcement activities.

One likely outcome from this legislation is that, after an initial period of enforcement and education, perhaps in the neighborhood of 1-2 years, accidents and fatalities related to this activity would decrease. This would have the effect of allowing both the boating PSAs and the boating enforcement hours to shift back to their current uses.

The costs to local units of government will be similar to the costs estimated by the department. There will be an increase in the time and effort spent on education and on enforcement of the new PDF laws, but this priority will be absorbed into the existing budget of the local governments.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>Subject</b>			
Wearing of personal flotation devices			
<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		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</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		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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