

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-4094/1	Introduction Number	AB-0844	Estimate Type	Original
Description Groundwater management, water conservation, and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2009 AB 844 contains provisions related to groundwater management. The Department of Natural Resources would have primary responsibility for implementing provisions related to groundwater management. 2009 AB 844 also contains provisions requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the Legislature on its water conservation programs and to issue an order encouraging water public utilities to implement water conservation programs through rates, incentives, rebates, or other methods determined by the Commission.

The Public Service Commission has existing authority to establish rates and standards of service for water public utilities under ch. 196, Wis. Stats. Furthermore, the Commission already has rules and procedures that would allow the Commission to accomplish the provisions of 2009 AB 844. The workload associated with this legislation could be handled with existing Commission resources, and it is estimated that the legislation will have no state fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

indeterminate