

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 09-4382/2		Introduction Number AB-0926	
Description Creating the Department of Environmental Quality and transferring some of the authority and duties of the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Environmental Quality and to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, granting rule-making authority, providing a penalty, and making appropriations			
Fiscal Effect State: <input checked="" 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"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill (AB) 926 creates a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and transfers some of the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) responsibilities to the DEQ. The bill also transfers management of programs relating to forestry from DNR to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). This fiscal estimate addresses only how the proposed changes will impact the Department of Administration (DOA).

A number of changes made by AB 926 substitute the DEQ or DATCP for the DNR for programs related to DOA. This includes making DEQ a participant in the Acid Deposition Research Council, substituting DEQ as the entity that sets standards for gasohol and alternative fuels used by the state fleet, and substituting DEQ as the entity that can grant a variance to the resource recovery and recycling program. These changes will not have a fiscal impact on DOA operations.

Additional changes substitute DEQ or DATCP appropriations for DNR appropriations, such as, but not limited to, funding for the Waste Facility Siting Board general program operations. The bill also provides new DNR citations for established appropriations because of changes to the Chapter 20 schedule. Any budgeting, accounting, or programming workload associated with these changes can be absorbed by current DOA staff.

AB 926 adds the DEQ to the list of state agencies that must submit to DOA a plan to integrate land information. DOA is then responsible for integrating the information submitted in such a way that it is readily accessible to state and local governments and public utilities. The bill also adds DEQ to a DOA state agency resource work group that deals with land use issues and related policy issues. Any workload associated with these changes can be absorbed by current DOA staff.

The bill also adds DEQ to the list of agencies which can require the DOA's Division of Hearings and Appeals to provide a hearing examiner and conduct an administrative law hearing under Chapter 227. The fiscal impact of these provisions is not expected to be significant as it is anticipated that the hearing services would have otherwise been provided to the DNR or DATCP.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.