

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOA 3/25/2010

LRB Number 09-4485/1	Introduction Number SB-620	Estimate Type Original
Description groundwater management, water conservation, and granting rule-making authority.		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Administration (DOA) is required to allocate funds for programs of groundwater survey and analysis to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey at the University of Wisconsin – Extension based on a plan and other input developed by the two agencies. The allocation is completed by the State Budget Office.

This bill requires only that the State Geologist at the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and DNR agree on a plan for use of the funds prior to any expenditures. Additionally, funding is moved from 20.865(2)(em)- "Program Supplements" at DOA to 20.285(2)(et) - "Groundwater Survey and Analysis" at the UW System. Consequently, DOA would no longer be involved in the matter.

This activity has not consumed a significant amount of staff resources at DOA and, therefore, the elimination of the responsibility will have no fiscal impact on DOA.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.