

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 11-1016/1	Introduction Number AB-0010 (JR1)	Estimate Type Original
Description An exemption from water quality standards for wetlands and from certain other regulatory provisions concerning water quality and surface water use that apply to a wetland area in Brown County; and review of certain changes to shoreland, wetland, and floodplain zoning ordinances that apply to a wetland area in Brown County		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill provides exemptions from water quality standards to wetland areas in Brown County that meet certain criteria. These criteria include that the wetland area to be affected must be less than three acres in size, that the site of the activity is in a tax incremental district, and that the person engaged in the activity will complete mitigation at a ratio of at least 1.5 acres of wetlands created or mitigation bank credits purchased to one acre of wetland affected depending on whether the wetland is a federal or nonfederal wetland.

Fiscal Effect—State

It is difficult to provide a specific estimate of permit revenue loss that would result from the bill. The annual revenue loss would be contingent upon the number of wetland areas in Brown County that meet the specific criteria identified in the bill and would thus be exempt from applying for a permit.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications