



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>13-0959/2</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-055</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Costs of replacement or relocation of certain municipal utility facilities required by the construction of a freeway and eligibility for the safe drinking water loan program					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB-55 expands the definition of "municipal utility facilities" to include utility facilities owned by a joint local water authority. The joint local water authority would then be eligible to state cost sharing, when the facility must relocate underground water lines due to construction of a freeway.

We believe the only water utility that is added by this definition is the Central Brown County Water Authority.

#### State Impact:

State Project ID 9200-04-71 includes highway improvements of a designated freeway corridor, along which the Central Brown County Water Authority maintains an underground water line. Central County Water Authority has determined that 3,300 feet of its water line is in conflict with the proposed improvement and will need to be replaced.

Should the effective date of the Act be prior to May 14, 2013 (the date of Project 9200-04-71 is currently scheduled to be let) impact on the Department of Transportation would be \$900,000. Based upon other water utility work in the area, the Department of Transportation estimates that the cost is \$300/foot. Under this amendment the 3000 feet located within public right of way is eligible for 90% reimbursement ( $3000 \times \$300 \times .90 = \$810,000$ ) and the 300 feet located along a utility easement for which Central Brown County Water Authority maintains a land interest is eligible for 100% reimbursement ( $300 \times \$300 \times 1.0 = \$90,000$ ).

#### Local Impact:

With the state reimbursing over 90% of the water authority's cost of utility relocation, the local water authority will not need to pass on these costs to the municipalities that contract with it for their water services.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Any joint local water authority created after the effective date of the bill would be eligible for state cost sharing for water line relocation costs.