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Description local assistance for remediating contaminated wells and failing wastewater treatment systems and award limits for contaminated well grants					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law allows a town, village, or city to levy and collect special assessments on a property in a limited and determinable area for special benefits conferred upon the property by any municipal work or improvement. Common uses of special assessments include sanitary sewers, water mains, and road (street) replacements. Special assessments levied under current law are considered a lien on the property.

Under the bill, a political subdivision (city, village, town, or county) or its designee may, with the agreement of the private water or wastewater system owner, remediate a contaminated private water supply or failing wastewater treatment system located in the political subdivision and provide a loan for the costs. The loan terms may include a below market interest rate or be interest-free. The bill allows a political subdivision to recover remediation costs or collect the loan repayment as a special charge or as a special assessment through the current or next tax roll, even if the special charge is not delinquent. The bill also makes a change to the state's well compensation grant program administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

The fiscal effect is indeterminate as the department does not have cost data on contaminated wells or failing waste water treatment systems, remediation costs, or loan terms for such projects. In 2015, political subdivisions collected \$50,762,100 in special assessments. Sewage service expenditures (non-proprietary fund) totaled \$41,599,600 in 2015.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications