

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)** and **Department of Transportation** assumed the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** assume this proposal establishes the Director of Agriculture as a member of the Invasive Species Council as well as any temporary staffing or administrative support appointed by the Director of Agriculture. Assuming that the temporary staffing or administrative support can be absorbed by current staff, the fiscal impact cannot be determined without knowing the amount of time required of each department.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** assume the proposal would not be expected to fiscally impact the operations of the DOH. If a fiscal impact were to result, funds to support the program would be sought through the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume the proposal would appear to have fiscal impact on MDC funds as it would require staff time for service on the Council and

ASSUMPTION (continued)

advisory committee. Fiscal impact associated with legislation proposed last year (2003) was estimated at approximately \$60,000 annually. It appears, however, this proposed legislation will have an estimated fiscal impact of \$35,000 annually.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** (DNR) assume this proposal creates the Invasive Species Council and whose members will be the directors of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Health, Natural Resources and Transportation. These departments will provide temporary staffing and administrative support for the council.

The council must also prepare a biennial invasive species report. The department assumes the Council is responsible for determining the amount of resources necessary to complete the Invasive Species Report and that the Council would request an appropriation for dedicated staffing. The department assumes that the equivalent of a planner and an environmental specialist would be needed to assist the council in developing recommendations for national cooperation in addressing invasive species, develop guidance to state agencies on prevention and control of invasive species; and facilitate development of a coordinated network among state agencies to document. The department will support budget initiatives of the Council.

Depending on the recommendations the council proposes in the report, the department may need to request additional resources to implement these recommendation. The recommendations may require the department to modify our sampling and monitoring activities, change our remediation practices, or modify the soil and water cost share program.

**Oversight** assumes that the temporary staffing and administrative support that are to be provided to the Council by each participating agency can be absorbed. Additionally, if the Council needs dedicated staff then the Council may request appropriations for these staff members. Oversight assumes this would be accomplished during the normal budgetary process. Therefore, Oversight assumes the initial administrative impact of this proposal is \$0.

According to the proposal, state agencies whose actions affect invasive species shall attempt to prevent further impacts of invasive species. Oversight assumes state agencies which act on recommendations of the Council would request appropriations through the normal budget process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses providing goods or services to agencies could be required to certify that the products or the services they are providing are free of invasive species.

DESCRIPTION

This act creates the Invasive Species Council. The named members of the Council are the Directors of the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Health, Natural Resources and Transportation. The Director of the Department of Conservation shall serve as the first-year Council chair and the other named members shall serve one year terms as Council chair on a rotating basis. Other agencies may be included. The five named agencies shall provide temporary staffing for the Council, and the Council may request appropriations for dedicated staffing.

State agencies whose actions affect invasive species shall attempt to prevent further impacts of invasive species and shall not act in ways that create further impacts of invasive species.

The Council shall oversee implementation of the act, encourage planning, develop recommendations, facilitate sharing of information and create and update an Invasive Species Management Plan.

The Plan shall be issued within 18 months of passage. The Plan shall be a 5-year rolling plan including goals, objectives and measures of success concerning invasive species.

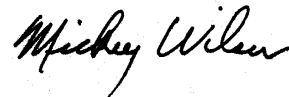
This act is similar to SB 102 (2003).

DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture  
Office of Administration  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Conservation



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