

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3565-01  
Bill No.: SB 621  
Subject: Natural Resources Dept.; Licenses - Professional; Science and Technology  
Type: Original  
Date: January 26, 2010

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Bill Summary:           Modifies provisions relating to digital cadastral parcel mapping.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<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 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<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 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** assume Section 60.670.2 of this proposal would require the state land surveyor to write standards for maps with land boundaries tied to the Public Land Survey System or cadastre.

Section 60.530 states the state land surveyor may hire professional staff as necessary to help carry out his responsibilities.

The Department assumes a portion of a Professional Land Surveyor II would be responsible for authoring the standards and revising the standards every ten years. This FTE would be spending one-tenth time on the standards. In the fiscal note response to identical legislation from the 2009 session, the department assumed there would be minimal fiscal impact.

The Land Survey Fee Fund is experiencing funding challenges. The program has had to reduce services which would make it difficult to absorb any additional responsibilities without additional resources. Therefore, the department has quantified the anticipated ongoing fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes the Department of Natural Resources could absorb the costs of 0.1 FTE within their current appropriation level. If multiple bills pass or if multiple initiatives are validated which require similar endeavors at substantial costs, the Department of Natural Resources could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **State Tax Commission** and **Department of Revenue** assume there will be no fiscal impact to their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could increase the amount of business for contractors skilled in land survey grade GIS preparation.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

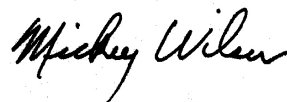
This act requires the Office of the State Land Surveyor in the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate rules and regulations establishing minimum standards for digital cadastral parcel mapping. Any map designed and used to reflect legal property descriptions or boundaries for use in a digital cadastral mapping system must comply with such rules, unless the party requesting the map specifies otherwise in writing, the map was designed and in use prior to the promulgation of the rules, or the parties requesting and designing the map already agreed to their contractual terms on the effective date of the rules promulgation.

The practice of land surveying shall include working with positions of the United States Public Land Survey System. It shall also include creating, preparing or modifying electronic or computerized data relative to the performance of certain other surveying activities; however, such acts shall not be exclusive to professional land surveyors unless they affect real property rights.

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 Revenue  
State Tax Commission  
Department of Natural Resources



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