

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 892 - 4

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Measure Description:

Requires filing notice with State Forestry Department of proposed aerial application of pesticide as planned forest management activity on privately owned forestland.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Forestry

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$382,457	
Total Funds	\$382,457	\$0

Analysis:

SB 892-4 requires the Department of Forestry to incorporate into the electronic reporting and notification system, a program for electronic reporting and notification regarding aerial applications of pesticide.

The Department has indicated that the changes proposed in the bill would require changes be made to the information technology (IT) system used for aerial application notifications. These changes would result in an amendment to an existing contract with the IT vendor to make the proposed changes. It is anticipated that the work involved would cost an estimated \$382,457. Although the agency has identified the cost as attributable to the General Fund, the Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the Forestry Electronic Notification System or FERNS is an integral tool for the administration of the Forest Practices Act (FPA) and therefore likely subject to the statutory funding model provided by the FPA whereby expenditures are funded 60% by the General Fund and 40% from Other Funds provided by harvest excise taxes. The Department has also indicated that the work involved with managing these changes would divert existing agency resources equivalent to \$38,000 in Personal Services costs.