

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2295

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Measure Description:

Increases fees, maximum fees and fee return thresholds for Water Resources Department services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Water Resources Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis	
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Analysis:

HB 2295 adjusts the fee schedule, maximum fees, and fee return thresholds for the Water Resources Department (WRD). The fees addressed in the bill currently provide revenue to the Department of approximately \$2.9 million. This revenue is used to fund 18.50 FTE involved in processing water rights applications, and also supports staff and engineering contracts in the Dam Safety Section.

Current law is set to revert the Department’s fee schedule back to 2009 levels on June 30, 2017 and would reduce revenue generated from these fees by \$366,609. This revenue reduction is addressed in the Governor’s requested budget for the agency including a reduction of staff by 2.50 FTE in the 2017-19 biennium. Additionally, the Department has indicated that without a fee increase, a further reduction of 3.00 FTE would be required in the 2019-21 biennium.

The measure would restore fees from the reduced levels and expand the Department’s fee schedule by an average of 15.88% beginning July 1, 2017. This proposed increase would increase fee revenue by \$838,117 during both the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 biennium.