

HB 2145 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Pham

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/21/21

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Drazan, Gomberg, Leif, McLain, Nosse, Rayfield, Sanchez, Sollman, Stark

Exc: 1 - Smith G

Senate Vote

Yeas: 11 - Anderson, Frederick, Girod, Golden, Gorsek, Hansell, Knopp, Lieber, Steiner Hayward, Taylor, Thomsen

Nays: 1 - Johnson

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Water Resources Department

2021-23

Budget Summary*

	2019-21	2021 - 23	2021-23	Committee Change from 2019-21	
	Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	Current Service Level	Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2019-21 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 675,415	\$ 675,415	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 675,415	\$ 675,415	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	3	3
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	2.64	2.64

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2021

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

HB 2145 appropriates \$675,415 General Fund to the Water Resources Department (WRD) for meeting the provisions of the bill and to establish a Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund. The bill also increases the fee for report forms submitted to WRD when a well is constructed or modified (referred to as start card fees), from \$225 to \$350. The fee increase takes effect January 1, 2022, and WRD anticipates increased Other Funds revenue of \$581,250 in 2021-23.

Summary of Natural Resources Subcommittee Action

HB 2145 establishes the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to WRD to provide financial assistance to permanently abandoned water wells or to repair and replace water wells used for household purposes. This measure also outlines various requirements related to oversight and permitting of wells and prescribes a fee increase. WRD is directed to review every well log submitted to the Department when a well is constructed or modified within 120 days of submission, and to identify any deficiencies and assess compliance with construction and alteration standards. Water Resources Department estimates 4,000 to 5,000 well logs will need to be reviewed annually, to comply with the provisions of the bill.

The Subcommittee recommended an appropriation of \$675,415 General Fund and three positions (2.64 FTE). The appropriation includes \$100,000 of one-time funding for deposit in the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund for the Department to provide

financial assistance as described in the bill. The remaining funds include position related services and supplies and establishes two permanent full-time Natural Resource Specialist 2 positions (0.88 FTE each for 2021-23) to review well report logs and a new permanent full-time Natural Resource Specialist 3 position (0.88 FTE for 2021-23) to assist with statute and rule development.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Water Resources Department
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>Water Resources Department</u>									
SCR 010-04 Technical Services									
Personal Services	\$ 456,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 456,843	3	2.64
Services and Supplies	\$ 118,572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,572		
Special Payments (6060 Intra Agy Gen Fund Trsfr)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 675,415	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 675,415	3	2.64
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 675,415	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 675,415	3	2.64