

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1742H.02P  
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 779  
Subject: Department of Natural Resources; Fees  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal extends fees for programs within the Department of Natural Resources.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2031)</b>
General Revenue*	\$0	\$148,194	\$177,833	\$177,833
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$148,194</b>	<b>\$177,833</b>	<b>\$177,833</b>

\*Oversight notes this fee revenue is currently set to expire prior to August 28, 2024 (FY 2025). This proposal extends the sunset until August 28, 2030. This reflects a continuance of the existing fees authorized in Sections 444.768 & 444.772.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2031)</b>
Geologic Resources Fund (0801)	\$0	\$0	\$94,499	\$188,998
Oil and Gas Wells Fund (0543)	\$0	\$0	\$42,376	\$50,851
Hazardous Waste Fund (0676)	\$410,713	\$2,637,746	\$3,001,010	\$3,001,010
Solid Waste Management Fund – Scrap Tire Subaccount (0569)	\$0	\$0	\$1,256,718	\$2,513,435
Environmental Radiation Monitoring Fund (0656)	\$0	\$116,111	\$139,333	\$139,333
Mined Land Reclamation Fund (0906)	\$0	\$621,523	\$745,828	\$745,828
Safe Drinking Water Fund (0679)	\$0	\$4,635,702	\$5,562,842	\$5,562,842
Natural Resources Protection Fund – Air Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount (0594)	\$0	\$5,469,282	\$6,563,138	\$6,563,138
Natural Resources Protection Fund – Water Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount (0568)	\$0	\$4,827,794	\$5,793,353	\$5,793,353
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$410,713</b>	<b>\$18,308,158</b>	<b>\$23,199,097</b>	<b>\$24,558,778</b>

\*Oversight notes this fee revenue is currently set to expire prior to January 1, 2026 (FY 2026). This proposal extends the sunset for six years (for each fee respectively). This reflects a continuance of the existing fees authorized in Sections 256.700, 259.080, 260.262, 260.273, 260.380, 260.392, 260.475, 444.768, 444.772, 640.100, 643.079 & 644.057.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2034)</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</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 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2034)</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>Fully Implemented (FY 2034)</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

DNR notes the following amounts have been collected for the various fees:

#### §256.700 – Geologic Resources Fund (0801) (in response to SB 109 (2023))

FY 2020	\$200,585
FY 2021	\$180,593
FY 2022	\$185,816

**Oversight** notes there was a \$232,585 balance in the Geologic Resources Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$188,998 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2025 to 2031 on the fiscal note.

#### §259.080 – Oil and Gas Well Resources Fund (0543)

FY 2020	\$57,548
FY 2021	\$46,155
FY 2022	\$48,851

**Oversight** notes there was a \$324,596 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$50,851 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2025 to 2031 on the fiscal note.

#### §260.262 – Lead-Acid Battery Fee (Hazardous Waste Fund 0676)

FY 2020	\$757,417
FY 2021	\$842,281
FY 2022	\$864,578

**Oversight** notes there was an \$11,131,094 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$821,425 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2023 to 2029 on the fiscal note.

§260.273 – Scrap Tire Fee (Solid Waste Management – Scrap Tire Fund Subaccount Fund 0569)

FY 2020	\$2,481,163
FY 2021	\$2,015,512
FY 2022	\$3,043,631

**Oversight** notes there was a \$7,121,634 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$2,513,435 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2025 to 2031 on the fiscal note.

§260.380 – Hazardous Waste Generator Fee (Hazardous Waste Fund 0676)

FY 2020	\$1,900,159
FY 2021	\$1,920,783
FY 2022	\$1,816,939

**Oversight** notes there was an \$11,131,094 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$1,879,294 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

§260.392 – Environmental Radiation Monitoring Transport Fee (Environmental Radiation Monitoring Fund (0656)

FY 2020	\$134,000
FY 2021	\$102,725
FY 2022	\$181,275

**Oversight** notes there was an \$181,046 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$139,333 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

§260.475 – Hazardous Waste Land Disposal Fee (Hazardous Waste Fund 0676)

FY 2020	\$305,370
FY 2021	\$335,681
FY 2022	\$259,822

**Oversight** notes there was an \$11,131,094 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$300,291 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

§§444.768 & 444.772 – Surface Mining -Land Reclamation Act (Mined Land Reclamation Fund 0906)

FY 2020	\$773,335 (Mined Land Reclamation Fund)	\$145,500 (General Revenue)
FY 2021	\$704,629 (Mined Land Reclamation Fund)	\$194,000 (General Revenue)
FY 2022	\$759,521 (Mined Land Reclamation Fund)	\$194,000 (General Revenue)

**Oversight** notes there was a \$1,615,826 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$745,828 for the Mined Land Reclamation Fund and \$177,833 for the General Revenue Fund (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

§640.100 – Safe Drinking Water Fund (0679)

FY 2020	\$5,295,605
FY 2021	\$5,455,159
FY 2022	\$5,937,761

**Oversight** notes there was an \$8,925,790 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$5,562,842 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

§643.079 – Clean Air Fees – Emissions and Permit Fees (Natural Resources Protection Fund – Air Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount (0594)

FY 2020	\$6,268,040
FY 2021	\$6,339,541
FY 2022	\$7,081,832

**Oversight** notes there was a \$3,356,322 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$6,563,138 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

§644.057 – Clean Water Fee (Natural Resources Protection Fund – Water Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount 0568)

FY 2020	\$5,490,416
FY 2021	\$5,574,843
FY 2022	\$6,314,800 (higher due to land disturbance being due every five years)

**Oversight** notes there was a \$26,039,664 balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2023. Oversight will reflect revenue in the amount of \$5,793,353 (average of past three fiscal years) continuing due to the fee extension from 2024 to 2030 on the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Fully Implemented (FY 2031)
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §§444.768 & 444.772 p. 6	\$0	\$148,194	\$177,833	\$177,833
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$148,194</b>	<b>\$177,833</b>	<b>\$177,833</b>
<b>GEOLOGIC RESOURCES FUND (0801)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2025 to 2031 §256.700 p. 4	\$0	\$0	\$94,499	\$188,998
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GEOLOGIC RESOURCES FUND (0801)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$94,499</b>	<b>\$188,998</b>

<b>OIL AND GAS WELLS RESOURCE FUND (0543)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2025 to 2031 §259.080 p. 4	\$0	\$0	\$42,376	\$50,851
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE OIL AND GAS WELLS RESOURCE FUND (0543)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$42,376</b>	<b>\$50,851</b>
<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND (0676)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2023 to 2029 §260.262 p. 4	\$410,713	\$821,425	\$821,425	\$821,425
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §260.380 p. 5	\$0	\$1,566,078	\$1,879,294	\$1,879,294
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §260.475 p. 5	\$0	\$250,243	\$300,291	\$300,291
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND (0676)</b>	<b>\$410,713</b>	<b>\$2,637,746</b>	<b>\$3,001,010</b>	<b>\$3,001,010</b>



<b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – SCRAP TIRE SUBACCOUNT (0569)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2025 to 2031 §260.273 p. 5	\$0	\$0	\$1,256,718	\$2,513,435
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – SCRAP TIRE SUBACCOUNT (0569)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,256,718</b>	<b>\$2,513,435</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION MONITORING FUND (0656)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §260.392 p. 5	\$0	\$116,111	\$139,333	\$139,333
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECTON THE ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION MONITORING FUND (0656)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,111</b>	<b>\$139,333</b>	<b>\$139,333</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>MINED LAND RECLAMATION FUND (0906)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §§444,768 & 444.772 p. 6	\$0	\$621,523	\$745,828	\$745,828
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECTON THE MINED LAND RECLAMATION FUND (0906)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$621,523</b>	<b>\$745,828</b>	<b>\$745,828</b>
<b>SAFE DRINKING WATER FUND (0679)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §640.100 p. 6	\$0	\$4,635,702	\$5,562,842	\$5,562,842
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE SAFE DRINKING WATER FUND (0679)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,635,702</b>	<b>\$5,562,842</b>	<b>\$5,562,842</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION FUND – AIR POLLUTION PERMIT FEE SUBACCOUNT (0594)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §643.079 p. 6	\$0	\$5,469,282	\$6,563,138	\$6,563,138
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION FUND – AIR POLLUTION PERMIT FEE SUBACCOUNT (0594)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,469,282</b>	<b>\$6,563,138</b>	<b>\$6,563,138</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION FUND – WATER POLLUTION PERMIT FEE SUBACCOUNT (0568)</b>				
<u>Revenue Extension</u> – extension of fee from 2024 to 2030 §644.057 p. 6	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,827,794</u>	<u>\$5,793,353</u>	<u>\$5,793,353</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION FUND – WATER POLLUTION PERMIT FEE SUBACCOUNT (0568)</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,827,794</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,793,353</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,793,353</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
		<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small businesses that are required to pay the fees mentioned above could be impacted as a result of this proposal.

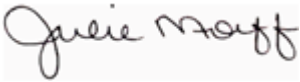
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal extends fees for programs within the Department of Natural Resources.

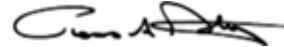
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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