

FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill Version: SB 140
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title Regulation and licensing of certain BRU Habitat and Restoration
water-power development Component Habitat Special Projects
 Sponsor Senator Torgerson
 Requester Senate Finance Component No. 487

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services	17.0	17.0				
Travel	1.0	1.0				
Contractual	1.0	1.0				
Supplies	0.5	0.5				
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	19.5	19.5	***	***	***	***

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	19.5	19.5				
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	19.5	19.5	***	***	***	***

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

FY 03 and FY 04 expenditures represent one quarter-time position for ADF&G participation in the development of a regulatory package implementing SB 140. Regulations must clearly detail all processes and requirements to result in timely and cost effective licensing of good projects that are both in the best economic interests of the state and environmentally sound.

Department expenditures in a potential 5 MW or smaller state licensing and regulatory program are difficult to quantify at this time. The licensing and regulation of hydro projects can be very complex. SB 140 provides the basic structure for establishing regulations for the state to take over jurisdiction, but does not provide specificity on how such a program will work within current authorities and responsibilities. Uncertainties include how duties currently funded and performed by the Federal (cont)

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for small hydro projects will be handled in a state system, what information regarding fish and wildlife issues will be required to be provided by applicants or need to be developed by agencies, and what fees or other funding mechanisms will be developed. Depending upon the answers to these and other questions as a regulatory system is established, there may be significant fiscal impacts on the department to ensure that fish and game resources are protected to the same extent provided by the FERC process as is specified in SB 140.