

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 99** SLS 26RS 288

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Electronic Communication	

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT OR SEE FISC NOTE SG EX Page 1 of 1
Provides for electronic communication and notification at the Department of Environmental Quality in certain situations. (8/1/26)

Present law provides that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) shall submit all official business using mail or certified mail. Proposed law allows DEQ to send and receive official documentation electronically via email. Official documentation includes: permit applications, variance requests, enforcement policies, notices of violations, notices of determinations, and notices to legislators.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may decrease SGR expenditures primarily out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account, but may include other SGR fund accounts. Proposed law allows the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to send and receive official documentation electronically via email. DEQ reports that in FY 25, the department spent \$170,025 on postage and mailing expenses. This does not include the cost of supplies or the cost to print the document. To the extent DEQ utilizes email, pursuant to the proposed law, there will be a decrease in printing, postage, and mailing expenditures for the department.


DEQ reports that there may be additional technology costs required to implement the proposed law, but at this time is unable to quantify those costs. The department reports that any additional technology upgrades required to implement the proposed law may be partially or wholly offset by the postage savings realized.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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