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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 129** SLS 21RS 37

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Drinking water		

WATER QUALITY

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Creates and provides for the Community Drinking Water Infrastructure Sustainability Act. (8/1/21)

Proposed law provides that LDH will implement a statewide accountability system that assesses letter grades to community water systems. Proposed law provides for the assignment of a letter grade of "A", "B", "C", "D", or "F". Proposed law provides that any community water system that receives a letter grade of "D" or "F" shall be considered operationally unacceptable and may be subject to present law enforcement actions including administrative compliance orders, court appointed receivership, or LDH mandated receivership. Proposed law provides that a receiver shall submit an improvement plan to LDH, which may include proposals such as a rate increase for users of the community water system. Proposed law provides that a community water system receiving federal funds for the upgrade, repair, or otherwise replacement of the water system infrastructure shall submit a detailed plan describing how the federal funds will be used to LDH.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Currently, through the Safe Drinking Water Program (SDWP) review process, LDH already has the data needed to assign grades to the water systems as required in this bill. Additionally, the SDWP has an existing enforcement section that can implement the receivership requirements provided in the bill.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To the extent that a water system is appointed a receiver due to being assigned a grade of "D" or "F", the bill provides that a receiver may increase the rates paid by the users of the water system. The LFO cannot anticipate the amount of additional local revenue that a water system may collect due to increased rates.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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