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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7321

BILL NUMBER: SB 515

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Great Lakes Compact.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bowser

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill implements the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that Indiana would participate in the Compact. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would provide staffing for the compact. As staff the DNR would be required to evaluate proposals and monitor withdrawals from the Basin. Implementing the system in the Great Lakes Basin will require four full-time staff as follows.

The estimated first-year impact is estimated to be \$255,697 with annual costs of approximately \$200,000 in years thereafter. Any impact to the state would occur after legislation is passed by all states in the compact. States involved include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. as well as approval from the U.S. Congress.

Background Information: The estimated first-year annual impact equals \$255,697. For years two through five, the \$21,000 expenses for the car and the costs for computer and office equipment will not be an issue. Eliminating this first-year cost would result in annual costs after the first year of around \$200,000. It is anticipated that existing office space in Indianapolis, Michigan City, and Columbia City could be used, and only one vehicle would be required for field work.

Position	Base	Fringe (34%)	Total
Hydraulic Engineer II	\$43,966	\$14,948	\$58,914
Engineering Geologist II	\$36,504	\$12,411	\$48,915
Env. Scientist III (x2)	\$66,768	\$22,700	\$89,468
Additional Costs:			
Vehicle	One time/5 yrs		\$21,000
Fuel	Annual		\$3,000
Computers	4 @ \$1,100		\$4,400
Misc.(office supplies, uniforms, travel, phones, etc.)			\$30,000
Estimated first-year impact			\$255,697

The DNR reverted \$1.6 M in state General Fund revenue in FY 2006.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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