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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6264

BILL NUMBER: SB 45

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 12, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Jan 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Great Lakes Compact.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

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, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The estimated annual fiscal impact of implementing a permit system in the Great Lakes Basin under the proposed Compact with four full-time staff is \$247,763. Any impact to the state would occur after legislation is passed by all states in the compact and upon approval by the U.S. Congress. States involved include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is anticipated that existing office space in Indianapolis, Michigan City, Columbia City could be used.

| Position | Base | Fringe (34%) | Total |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Hydraulic Engineer II | \$44,642 | \$15,178 | \$59,820 |
| Engineering Geologist II | \$37,076 | \$12,605 | \$49,681 |
| Env. Scientist III (x2) | \$67,808 | \$23,054 | \$90,862 |
| Additional Costs | | | |
| Fuel | Annual | | \$3,000 |
| Computers | 4 @ \$1,100 | | \$4,400 |
| Misc. | (office supplies, uniforms, travel, phones, etc.) | | \$30,000 |
| Regional Meetings and support | | | \$10,000 |
| Estimated first-year impact | | | \$247,763 |

The DNR reverted \$1.3 M in state General Fund revenue in FY 2007.

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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