



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0178: Provide for temporary lease of water rights

Primary Sponsor: Sue Vinton Status: As Introduced

Included in the Executive Budget Needs to be included in HB 2 Significant Local Gov Impact

Significant Long-Term Impacts Technical Concerns Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$26,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$3,900	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Net Impact	<u>(\$26,100)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

SB 178 requires the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to process applications for the temporary lease of a water right. This new water rights application will need to be added to the Water Rights Information System.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

1. DNRC anticipates receiving an average of six applications per year. Current staff can absorb the additional workload associated with processing these applications.
2. The Water Rights Information System will require enhancement to receive the new type of application required in SB 178. The enhancement will be done under the current IT contract and will take approximately 200 hours of contractor time at a rate of \$150 per hour, for a total cost of \$30,000.
3. The application filing fee is \$400. With an additional six applications filed per year, DNRC assumes an additional \$2,400 in revenue will be received from these filing fees. The revenue received from the additional applications will be deposited in the water rights state special revenue account.
4. The expenses will be funded in alignment with the current structure of 87% general fund and 13% water rights state special revenue.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation				
	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding of Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$26,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$3,900	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
TOTAL Revenues	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
General Fund (01)	(\$26,100)	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$1,500)	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400

Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

1/26/2025

Date