

NATURAL RESOURCES - AIR, WASTE AND CONTAMINATED LAND

Vehicle Environmental Impact Fee
[LFB Paper #572]

Motion:

Move to delete the fee increase and retain the current \$9 vehicle environmental impact fee. Extend the December 31, 2003, sunset of the fee, to December 31, 2005. Estimated fee revenue would be \$6,700,000 in 2003-04 (a decrease of \$1,010,000 from the bill) and \$13,400,000 in 2004-05 (a decrease of \$3,110,000 from the bill). In addition, decrease \$3,656,500 SEG (26.5 decrease) in all appropriations from the environmental management account in 2004-05, other than for the brownfields grant program, household hazardous waste program, debt service and UW Systems environmental education, and delete 25.03 SEG positions, as follows: (1) reduce the DNR Air and Waste Division general operations appropriation by \$1,025,700 SEG and 13.26 SEG positions; (2) reduce the Enforcement and Science Division general operations appropriation by \$315,800 SEG and 2.92 SEG positions; (3) reduce the Water Division general operations appropriation by \$614,900 SEG and 5.83 SEG positions; (4) reduce the Administration and Technology Division general operations appropriation by \$419,100 SEG; (5) reduce the Customer Assistance and External Relations Division general operations appropriation by \$153,600 SEG and 2.10 SEG positions; (6) reduce the DNR state-funded response cleanup appropriation by \$880,500 SEG; (7) reduce the DNR well compensation grant appropriation by \$106,000 SEG; (8) reduce the DNR groundwater management appropriation by \$33,100 SEG; (9) reduce the Department of Health and Family Services groundwater and air quality standards appropriation by \$105,000 SEG and 0.93 SEG position; and (10) reduce the Department of Military Affairs emergency response training appropriation by \$2,800 SEG.

Note:

This is the same as Alternative A3a to LFB Budget Paper #572, except that no reductions would be made from the brownfields grant or household hazardous waste appropriations, and all of the expenditure reductions would be made in the other appropriations listed in Alternative A3a. It would also extend the sunset of the vehicle fee by two years to December 31, 2005.

[Change to Bill: -\$4,120,000 SEG-REV environmental management account, -\$3,656,500 SEG environmental management account and - 25.03 SEG positions]