

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/23/2017**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2327

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Appropriations</b>						

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
<b>Counties</b>			
<b>Cities</b>			
<b>School Districts</b>			
<b>Townships</b>			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The Bill creates the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and transfers duties and responsibilities from the Department of Health (DoH) relating to environmental quality to the DEQ.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1 of the bill requires the DoH to take the necessary steps to transfer the authority, powers, and duties of the department related to environmental quality as outlined in the bill. The DoH is to obtain all necessary approvals from and amend the necessary agreements with the federal agencies and other public and private entities to ensure the state continues to meet primacy requirements before January 1, 2019.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Revenues are not impacted by the creation of the new state agency. Permits and license fees which once were deposited within the operating fund of the DoH will now be deposited into the operating fund of the DEQ.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

It is anticipated that additional FTE will be needed to handle the accounting / fiscal and the human resources functions that are needed to operate as a separate agency beyond the resources that can be transferred. The DoH will work together with the Chief of the Environmental Health Section to establish the new agency with no costs by restructuring and repurposing current positions beyond any that may be transferred.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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