## Fiscal Analysis WASTEWATER PERMIT FEES



**Bill/Sponsor SENATE BILL 252 H-4,** Sen. Liz Brater

**House Committee** Government Operations

**Analysis** Summary

This bill would establish annual fees for the discharge of wastewater. The fee level would be dependent on the facility's flow classification and whether it is a general or individual permit. Permits for agricultural purposes would not be subject to the application fee or the annual permit fee.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Fees included in this bill would generate approximately \$2.735 million annually, and would support the Department of Environmental Quality NPDES program. The enacted Budget for FY 2003-04 appropriates \$3,000,000 from this funding source. If a permit applicant has no documented discharge in a given year, the fee would be reduced to \$100. This change to the Senate bill would reduce annual state revenue by \$240,000 to \$285,000.

The fiscal impact on local governments would depend on the population of the municipality or county, and the volume/rate of flow of permitted

discharges.

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