

Fiscal Analysis

RESOLUTION OF GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL CONFLICTS



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4087 (H-3)**, Rep. John R. Moolenaar
HOUSE BILL 4097, as introduced, Rep. Ruth A. Johnson

House Committee Land Use and Environment

Analysis **Summary**
This bill would establish a process which would allow either the Department of Environmental Quality or the Department of Agriculture to investigate and resolve groundwater withdrawal complaints. An appeals process is provided for orders issued by either department, and penalties could be assessed if these orders are violated.

Fiscal Impact
The Department of Environmental Quality would be able to recover costs of investigating and resolving groundwater conflicts. The department could expend appropriations from the Water Use Protection Fund to implement this bill. The department currently collects and spends \$50,000 annually for this fund. If revenue were diverted to cover this bill and the Department were not able to recover its costs, Ground Water Supply program services could be affected.

There would be no fiscal impact on local governmental units.

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