

Fiscal Analysis

NATURAL RIVERS PROGRAM



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4642 As Introduced**, Rep. Howard C. Walker

House Committee Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Analysis

Summary

This bill would amend the Natural Rivers Act. A river may be nominated by any person for designation as a “Natural River”. A public review and comment period is provided, and the Department of Natural Resources would be required to attend a public meeting in each affected township to discuss the possible designation of a river as a “Natural River”. Each land owner in the affected area would be notified by the Department of the possible designation. The Natural Resources Commission would be required to review the comprehensive plan for the natural river area, and formally approve the designation at a public meeting. A portion of a river would not be eligible for natural river designation.

Fiscal Impact

This bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Natural Resources, depending on the size and population of the area affected by a river nominated for “natural river” status, and the number of public hearings convened pursuant to this legislation.

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