

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1708H.01I  
 Bill No.: HB 778  
 Subject: Waste - Hazardous; Department of Natural Resources  
 Type: Original  
 Date: February 2, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies financial requirements of the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund (0560)*	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>

\*Oversight assumes the increased expenditures from the fund could exceed \$250,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

**§260.558 – Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund**

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

DNR notes the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund (0560) has had no transfers or expenditures in the past three fiscal years.

Per the FY 2026 DNR Budget Request book, Oversight notes DNR requested a transfer of \$150,000 from the Hazardous Waste Fund to the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund as DNR anticipates requests to investigate for radioactive waste.

**Oversight** notes the proposal removes the \$150,000 cap on transfers to and expenditures from the fund; however, Oversight is not certain which fund the transfer would come from. For simplicity, Oversight will assume a \$0 (no additional expenditures from the fund) to an “Unknown” amount of additional expenditures from the fund for investigation costs. Oversight assumes the unknown amount will be greater than \$250,000.

Oversight also notes the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund has had no activity in at least the past nine fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVESTIGATION FUND (0560)*</b>			
<u>Cost – DNR – potential increase in investigation expenses</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVESTIGATION FUND (0560)</b>	<b>\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b>\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b>\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u></b>

\*Oversight assumes the increased expenditures from the fund could exceed \$250,000

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

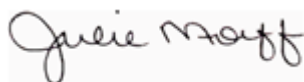
Currently, the allowed transfer from the Hazardous Waste Fund to the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund is capped at \$150,000 per fiscal year and the investigation costs cannot exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year. This bill repeals these restrictions.

The bill also requires the Department of Natural Resources to seek reimbursement of expenses incurred during radioactive waste cleanup from any Federal agency responsible for the site.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Natural Resources



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