

SENATE FISCAL AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FISCAL NOTE

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SUBJECT

25-50

Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy - Water Resources Division Sewerage Systems

FISCAL IMPACT: Under the existing structure, implementing these rules would result in a negative fiscal impact for the Department to address proposed administrative requirements to maintain new certification processes. Existing revenue for wastewater treatment plant operator certification fees are associated with MCL 324.3110 (which prescribes fee schedules for waste treatment or control facility certification examinations, certification renewals, and continuing education).

By requiring operator certification, local governments could incur additional costs to maintain this specialized labor force. If additional cost were incurred, the average annual cost of an FTE for FY 2024-25 is approximately \$138,900.

