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SB17-049

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Gardner
Rep. Lundeen

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BILL TOPIC: EXEMPT DRAINS DESIGNATED GROUNDWATER REQUIREMENTS

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2017-2018 | FY 2018-2019 |
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| State Revenue Cash Funds | Minimal reduction. | |
| State Expenditures | Minimal workload reduction. See State Expenditures section. | |
| Appropriation Required: None. | | |
| Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload reduction. | | |

Summary of Legislation

The bill exempts a drain or system of drains from requiring a well permit and replacement plan if the drain collects and removes groundwater from soil in a residential, commercial, or industrial development, or utility lines installed to serve such a development if the following conditions are met:

- the drain does not penetrate a confining layer;
- the removed groundwater is not put to any use other than collecting and removing from soils; and
- the removed groundwater is discharged where the drain is located within the same designated groundwater basin.

State Revenue

This bill will minimally reduce revenue from filing fees for well permits and replacement plans to the Water Resources Cash Fund. In the past five years, only two permit requests have been identified as qualifying for the exemption under this bill, so the reduction in revenue is expected to be minimal.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally reduce the workload of the Division of Water Resources in the Department of Natural Resources to process permit requests. Because few groundwater wells will qualify for this exemption, the reduction of permit requests is expected to be minimal and not require a reduction in appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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