



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
 (803)734-3780 • RFA.SC.GOV/IMPACTS

This fiscal impact statement is produced in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and House and Senate rules. The focus of the analysis is on governmental expenditure and revenue impacts and may not provide a comprehensive summary of the legislation.

Bill Number: H. 3498 Introduced on January 10, 2023
Author: J. Moore
Subject: Water Quality
Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: February 13, 2023 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to promulgate regulations that establish maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for likely or known carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial health hazard in public water systems. The expenditure impact on DHEC is undetermined as the agency is unable to estimate the impact of establishing MCLs for certain carcinogens and toxic chemicals in public water systems.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from DHEC.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on February 13, 2023
Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

This joint resolution requires DHEC to promulgate regulations, within 180 days of the effective date of the resolution, that establish MCLs for likely or known carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial health hazard in public water systems. DHEC must also annually review the latest peer-reviewed science and independent or governmental agency studies and promulgate, if necessary, additional or revised regulations. The expenditure impact on DHEC is undetermined as the agency is unable to estimate the impact of establishing MCLs for certain carcinogens and toxic chemicals in public water systems. The agency needs further clarification on implementation once the resolution is enacted. *This section of the fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from DHEC.*

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

This joint resolution requires DHEC to promulgate regulations, within 180 days of the effective date of the resolution, that establish maximum contaminant levels for likely or known carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial health hazard in public water systems. DHEC must also annually review the latest peer-reviewed science and independent or governmental agency studies and promulgate, if necessary, additional or revised regulations. Since DHEC is still reviewing the resolution, the expenditure impact is pending.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director