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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEWAGE RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT
AND REQUIRING A REPORT CONCERNING WELL
CONTAMINATION PROTOCOLS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	102,921	102,921
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	38,860	38,860

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to maintain and update a database and public notification system related to various sewage spills or permitted sewage bypass (discharge). This will result in a cost to the state of approximately \$141,781 annually, beginning in FY 27.

The requirements in the bill will require an Environmental Analyst 2 to maintain and update the database as well as provide technical assistance for entities reporting spills. It is estimated that DEEP receives approximately 1,000 reports that will require entry into the public notification system. The Environmental Analyst 2 position results in a cost of approximately \$92,921 with corresponding fringe benefits of

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

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\$38,860. Additionally, DEEP will require \$10,000 annually for setup, licensing, and equipment to support the independent public notification system.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to inflation.