

Legislative Analysis



ELIMINATION OF SUNSET ON WASTEWATER AND STORM WATER OPERATOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION FEES

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Senate Bill 577 (H-1)

Sponsor: Sen. Sam Singh

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 577 would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to extend the sunset (expiration date) for provisions that authorize the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to charge fees for training and certification programs for individuals to become certified operators of a public water supply.

Presently, this authorization expires on October 1, 2025. The bill would change this date to October 1, 2029.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 577 is likely to increase revenues for EGLE by extending the sunset on certain operator training and certification fees collected by the department; EGLE would no longer be able to collect this revenue beyond the sunset date without this extension. Annual revenue generated by these fees is as \$600,000. These fees primarily support the Drinking Water and Environmental Health appropriation and the Water Quality Programs appropriation. Drinking Water and Environmental Health provides emergency response to drinking water safety threats; this appropriation is \$40.2 million Gross in FY 2024-25. Water Quality Programs regulates Michigan's surface water, including pollutant monitoring and water quality testing; this appropriation is \$37.6 million in FY 2024-25.

The bill is unlikely to affect costs for EGLE; the department is already collecting these fees and would continue to do so under the bill. The bill is unlikely to affect local government costs or revenues.

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