

SB 272 -- WATER POLLUTION PERMIT FEES

SPONSOR: Lager (Ruzicka)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill extends from December 31, 2009, to December 31, 2010, the authority of the Clean Water Commission within the Department of Natural Resources to charge fees for construction permits, operating permits, and operator certifications related to water pollution control.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012. Estimated Cost on Other State Funds of \$188,108 in FY 2010, \$2,586,074 in FY 2011, and \$5,601,882 in FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the fee extension is a necessary and temporary measure that will give the General Assembly time to develop a long-term fee structure and revise other clean water laws. The permit process needs to be reformed and additional funding for engineers in the Department of Conservation is necessary.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Lager; Department of Natural Resources; Associated Industries of Missouri; and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.