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FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT

House Bill or Resolution No. HB 1314

This bill or resolution appears to affect revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of counties, cities, school districts, or townships. However, no state agency has primary responsibility for compiling and maintaining the information necessary for the proper preparation of a fiscal note regarding this bill or resolution. Pursuant to Joint Rule 502, this statement meets the fiscal note requirement.

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2019 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1314

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Prairie Room, State Capitol

1/24/2019

HB 1314

Job 31455

Subcommittee

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Carmen Hickle

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to compensation and reimbursement of water resource district board members

Minutes:

Chairman J. Dockter: Opens the hearing on HB 1314.

Rep. Damschen: Introduces HB 1314. This bill is about water boards and the people who serve on them. Local water board members are appointed. Members can get \$75 or up to \$135 per day. If we have two meetings in a day we get \$135. The things water board members do is try to settle disputes between landowners. I asked Legislative Council to write the bill so the pay would be the same as legislative pay. The bill you have says water board members can be compensated at least \$75 but not more than the rate set for the legislative assembly.

Chairman J. Dockter: Do you know the pay for other boards?

Rep. Damschen: I do not know that.

Rep K. Koppelman: Some boards get very little, some \$30 per day, and some none at all. Do you know long it's been since this was previously updated? Do you think it should be automatic equivalency that any board or commission is the same as the legislature? And if so what is the fiscal note on this bill or that kind of idea?

Rep. Damschen: I do not know how long the \$75 has been there.

Rep K. Koppelman: Do you think it is a good idea to be the same as the legislature? And what would the cost be?

Rep. Damschen: I don't think that is good philosophy. The reason I brought it forward was because my board requested it. I don't think we should set every public servant pay as the same as legislatures.

Rep. Fegley: Are the water boards paid by the county?

Rep. Damschen: They are county water boards and are paid by the mills allotted by the county commissioners.

Rep. Fegley: Maybe the county should have a say in how much these boards are paid?

Rep. Damschen: I don't disagree with that. They appoint the water board members. Our water board voted to get paid \$135 per day.

Rep. Magrum: In our county it was set at what the state allowed. Our Water board members got \$75 per month.

Rep. Damschen: Sometimes we have meetings more than once a month. It doesn't have to raise the taxes because they are allotted so many mills for operating in the county. They are not spending all the money allotted in the water board general fund.

Rep. Hatlestad: It would appear the county commission has option, they have a minimum and a maximum and could pay anything in between? So the county commission will have a decision to make.

Rep. Damschen: They do but the water board can set their wage from \$75 to \$135 but if this passes it could go from \$75 to what the legislature gets paid.

Chairman J. Dockter: In 2009 that bill was passed to make the range from \$75 to \$135. So 10 years ago.

Chairman J. Dockter: Closed the hearing.

Chairman J. Dockter: Reopens HB 1314 for committee work.

Rep K. Koppelman: Made a motion for do not pass.

Rep. Adams: Second the motion.

Rep K. Koppelman: My reasoning is the legislature is a different body than a local water board. I resist the automatic pay. It was adjusted 10 years ago but they can go up to \$135 per day.

Vote: Yes 14, no 0, absent 0

Carrier: Rep. Guggisberg

Date: 1-24-19
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1314

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep. Koppelman Seconded By Rep. Adams

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman J. Dockter:	/				
Vice Chairman Pyle:	/				
Rep. Ertelt:	/				
Rep. Fegley:	/				
Rep. Hatlestad:	/				
Rep. Johnson:	/				
Rep K. Koppelman:	/				
Rep. Longmuir:	/				
Rep. Magrum:	/				
Rep. Simons:	/				
Rep. Toman:	/				
Rep. Strinden:	/				
Rep. Adams:	/				
Rep. Guggisberg:	/				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Guggisberg

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1314: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1314 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.