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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7071
BILL NUMBER: SB 333

DATE PREPARED: Dec 28, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Salaries of DNR law enforcement officers.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires that law enforcement officers of the Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources receive the same salaries as police employees of the State Police Department based upon years of service and rank held.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The equal salary provision of the bill will increase expenditures for the DNR by \$207,000 for fiscal year 1999-00. The salary increase amounts to \$164,000, with fringe benefits amounting to 25.86%, or \$43,000 of the salary total. There are 195 conservation officers affected by the salary provision. The salary differential amounts to \$840 for each officer. The State General Fund would contribute 54% of the total, or \$111,780, and the Fish and Wildlife Fund 46%, or \$95,220.

Explanation of State Revenues: The increase in salary will result in a minimal increase in income tax revenue which is deposited in the State General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties with a local option income tax may experience a minimal increase in local option income tax revenue.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties with a local option income tax.

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