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**HB 19-1204**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-0062  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Beckman; Sandridge

**Date:** May 8, 2019  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** PROHIBIT CAMPING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure ( <i>minimal</i> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill prohibits camping within 100 feet of an urban environmentally sensitive area and requires local public health agencies to conduct environmental impact studies and develop mitigation plans for all environmentally sensitive areas within their jurisdictions. This increases state workload and local expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits people from camping within 100 feet of an urban environmentally sensitive area unless a state or local government agency has approved camping in the area. Any local public health agency with one or more environmentally sensitive areas within its jurisdiction is required to conduct and periodically update an environmental impact study of the areas, including water and soil quality testing and analysis, to evaluate the public health risks associated with unauthorized camping. The local public health agency is also required to maintain an environmental mitigation plan to address the risks identified in the environmental impact study. Local public health agencies may apply to the applicable local government for Conservation Trust Fund funding for the environmental impact studies and mitigation plans.

## State Expenditures

This bill may increase workload for the Department of Public Health and Environment to provide technical support to local public health agencies in meeting the requirements of the bill. This workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Local Government**

This bill will increase expenditures for local public health agencies that have urban environmentally sensitive areas within their jurisdictions to conduct environmental impact studies and develop and implement mitigation plans. The cost of the studies and plans will depend on a number of factors including the size, type, and location of the environmentally sensitive areas.

While the funding available through conservation trust funds will not increase, local governments may have an increase in grant applications submitted for environmental impact studies and mitigation plans.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Energy and Environment Committee on March 4, 2019.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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