



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5470

House of Representatives, April 13, 2006

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The city of Groton, acting
2 through its Department of Utilities and its community partnership
3 with the towns of Groton, Norwich, Ledyard, Preston, Montville and
4 Waterford, shall develop a drinking water quality management plan
5 for the preservation of Groton's drinking water and the Thames River
6 Regional pipeline.

7 (b) The Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the
8 Departments of Environmental Protection and Public Utility Control
9 and the Office of Policy and Management, shall review the plan.

10 (c) On or before January 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Public Health
11 shall submit the department's findings and recommendations based on
12 such review, including specific recommendations concerning
13 necessary statutory changes, to the joint standing committees of the

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Implements the Budget	100,000	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Groton, City; Groton, Town; Norwich, Ledyard, Preston, Montville, Waterford	Cost	None	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires the City of Groton to develop a drinking water quality management plan, through its Department of Utilities and its community partnership with the towns of Groton, Norwich, Ledyard, Preston, Montville and Waterford.

sHB 5007 (the FY 07 Revised Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee) includes an appropriation of \$100,000 under the Department of Public Health's (DPH) budget from the anticipated FY 06 surplus to support the development of the required plan. This funding is to be carried forward into FY 07.

It is anticipated that these funds would be utilized to retain consultant services to assist the city and its partner towns in the development of the plan. It should be noted that the DPH also anticipates expending an additional \$7,000 in federal funding prior to 9/30/06 to conduct a series of meetings with the towns to facilitate the formulation of the scope of the project.

It is anticipated that the \$100,000 will be sufficient to support the

first year's costs of the project, which may take up to two years to complete. The potential for second year costs exist, however such costs would depend upon the scope of the water quality management plan adopted by the parties involved, which cannot be determined in advance.

The Departments of Environmental Protection and Public Utility Control, as well as the Office of Policy and Management, will be able to review the plan in conjunction with the DPH within their anticipated budgetary resources.

The Out Years

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Implements the Budget*	None	None	None

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Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Groton, City; Groton, Town; Norwich, Ledyard, Preston, Montville, Waterford	Cost	None	None	None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/17/2006)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 51 Nay 0 (03/31/2006)