

Fiscal Analysis

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FISH



Bill/Sponsor SENATE BILL 214 (S-1), Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom
SENATE BILL 215 Senate Passed, Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom
SENATE BILL 226 (S-1), Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom
SENATE BILL 227 Senate Passed,, Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom
SENATE BILL 228 Senate Passed, Sen. Alan Sanborn
SENATE BILL 229 Senate Passed, Sen. Patricia Birkholz

House Committee Great Lakes and Tourism

Analysis Summary

These bills would prohibit the possession and release of nonnative and genetically engineered fish without a permit, establish penalties for violations, and regulate the importation of live game fish.

SB 214: Establishes a felony penalty for the possession or release of live “prohibited species”, and require restitution for damage to natural resources.

SB 215: Adds sentencing guidelines for the felony offence of possessing or releasing a prohibited species.

SB 226: Prohibits the release of genetically engineered organisms or nonnative fish without a permit from the Department of Natural Resources, and establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a violation involving a genetically engineered organism or a species not naturally occurring in Michigan.

SB 227 Establishes a felony penalty for the possession or release of genetically engineered or nonnative organisms. These would be Class E felonies.

SB 228: Prohibits a person from importing a genetically engineered organism that was a variant of an animal species, from an area under quarantine without the permission of the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

SB 229: Defines a genetically engineered organism which is a variant of an aquaculture species as a distinct aquaculture species

Fiscal Impact

There would be an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State and on local governmental units, depending on the number, nature and sentence of persons found in violation of these acts.

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