

**PROPERTY TAX  
Emerald Ash Borer Aid**

April 10, 2024

Department of Revenue

Analysis of H.F. 5075 (Lee, F.), as proposed to be amended by H5075DE2

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>DOR Administrative Costs/Savings</b>	<b>X</b>	

**Fund Impact**

	<b>F.Y. 2024</b>	<b>F.Y. 2025</b>	<b>F.Y. 2026</b>	<b>F.Y. 2027</b>
	(000's)			
General Fund	\$0	(\$7,000)	\$0	\$0

Assumed effective date July 1, 2024.

**EXPLANATION OF THE BILL**

The proposal would create a one-time \$7.0 million aid to local governments to reimburse eligible homeowners for costs incurred for treating or removing trees infested with emerald ash borer since 2020. The state would distribute aid to cities, townships with populations above 10,000, and tribes based on a formula to be determined by the Department of Revenue. Local governments would then use the aid to reimburse homeowners with incomes below 200% of the official poverty guidelines for their eligible costs. Aid amounts would be certified by January 31, 2025, and paid by February 15, 2025.

**REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL**

- The one-time appropriation would increase state general fund costs by \$7.0 million in fiscal year 2025. It is assumed the calculated aid would use the full appropriation amount.

**PROPERTY TAX BENCHMARKS (Minn. Stat. § 270C.991)**

<i>Transparency, Understandability, Simplicity &amp; Accountability</i>	Neutral
<i>Efficiency &amp; Compliance</i>	Neutral
<i>Equity (Vertical &amp; Horizontal)</i>	Neutral
<i>Stability &amp; Predictability</i>	Neutral
<i>Competitiveness for Businesses</i>	Neutral
<i>Responsiveness to Economic Conditions</i>	Neutral

*The bill is scored on a three-point scale (decrease, neutral, increase) for each principle in comparison to current law.*

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Property Tax Division – Research Unit  
<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/revenue-analyses>

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