

# Fiscal Analysis

## AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FISH



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

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