

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2796 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of State Lands to develop rules to allow removal and fill of degraded wetlands for needed housing projects by general permit or authorization.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of State Lands (DSL)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation would create a new definition for “degraded wetland” and directs the Department of State Lands (DSL), on or before January 1 ,2021, to evaluate and establish rules to allow for removal and fill activities of degraded wetlands for the purpose of developing housing projects. DSL is authorized to issue a permit, authorization, or a combination of both-which may not require mitigation at a ratio that exceeds one acre of restored wetlands per four acres of impacted degraded wetlands.

The bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on DSL related to additional staff expertise that will be needed to develop a manner in which wetlands will be determined to be hydrologically degraded, and to create policy and conduct rulemaking. Furthermore, there may be a revenue impact associated with a fee for the new permit.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required