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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6473

BILL NUMBER: SB 105

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2024

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Updated Indiana Drainage Handbook.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to oversee and take all actions necessary for the preparation and publication of an updated version of the Indiana Drainage Handbook. It authorizes the ISDA to select a contractor to draft the updated version of the Indiana Drainage Handbook. It requires the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development to appoint an advisory board to advise the contractor and the ISDA and to review and comment on the structure and the text of drafts of the updated Indiana Drainage Handbook. It provides that the advisory board must include representatives of certain organizations and state agencies and may include other members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Workload and expenditures will increase for the ISDA to oversee the Indiana Drainage Handbook update and select a contractor for the project. The expenditures required to complete the update are not known and will depend on decisions of the ISDA, and the final negotiated cost of the contractor.

The bill requires the ISDA to staff the advisory board established by the bill, and requires expenses of the advisory board to be paid from funds appropriated to the ISDA. The Lieutenant Governor, as the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development by virtue of office, is to appoint members to the advisory board, including a representative of the ISDA, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Department of Environmental Management. Workload could increase for appointees from those state agencies.

Representatives of the Indiana Farm Bureau and the American Council of Engineering Companies are also

to be appointed to the advisory board, as well as other individuals, if deemed appropriate. The advisory board is to meet at least twice to review the work of the contractor. Members of the advisory board who are not state employees are entitled to a \$100 per diem and reimbursement of travel, including mileage of \$0.49 per mile (as of June 15, 2022). Costs for advisory board meetings will depend on the total number of appointees who are not state employees and the number of meetings held.

Additional Information: A board member serves on the advisory board until the updated Indiana Drainage Handbook is published and until the Lieutenant Governor declares that the work of the advisory board has concluded.

The first Indiana Drainage Handbook, authorized by SEA 303-1995, was appropriated \$50,000 for the project.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Appointed members to the advisory board also include a representative of each of the following: the Indiana County Surveyor’s Association, Indiana Association of County Commissioners, and Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Workload could increase for those appointees.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Management; Department of Natural Resources; Lieutenant Governor; State Department of Agriculture.

Local Agencies Affected: Representatives of the Indiana County Surveyor’s Association; Indiana Association of County Commissioners; Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Information Sources:

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/water/files/allhbook.pdf>;
<https://www.in.gov/idoa/state-purchasing/travel-services/>.

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