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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6473

BILL NUMBER: SB 105

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 5, 2024

BILL AMENDED: Feb 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Updated Indiana Drainage Handbook.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) 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 provide non-binding comments 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: (Revised) 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 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 new 13-member 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.

The bill provides for the appointment of other advisory board members including industry, farming, and environmental representatives. 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 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: (Revised) Appointed members to the advisory board also include a county surveyor, a county commissioner, and a representative of a soil and water conservation district. 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: Appointed county surveyor, county commissioner, and representative of a soil and water conservation district.

Information Sources:

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

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