

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1182

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Ennis

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Professional Soil Scientists.

5. Summary: For applicants seeking certification through experience, the bill reduces to three years the required experience that the applicant must have in wetland delineation, in wetland science research, or as a teacher of wetlands curriculum in an accredited institution of higher education in order to be certified.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill reduces the requirements for professional wetland delineator certification. It is possible that the bill could result in an increased number of applicants, however the exact number cannot be predicted.

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is funded by its regulant population. An increase in revenue without a corresponding increase in costs could result in a reduction of fees.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None