

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB184

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

**2. Patron:** Rouse

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; practice of geology; definitions.

**5. Summary:** Expands the definition of the practice of geology to include the performance of any professional service or work wherein the principles and methods of geology are applied, including (i) investigating, evaluating, and consulting; (ii) geological mapping; (iii) describing the natural processes that act upon the earth's materials; (iv) predicting the probable occurrence of natural processes; and (v) inspecting, planning, and performing and supervising geological work in order to enhance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the environment. Also, defines geological mapping. The bill contains technical amendments.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation anticipates that the expanded definition of geology will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is the companion to HB287.