

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1247

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

**2. Patron**        Watkins

**3. Committee**    Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title**            Regulation of land-disturbing activity

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill requires those who engage in land-disturbing activities requiring an approved erosion and sediment control plan to have an individual holding a certificate of competence issued by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board on site during the land-disturbing activity.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0	0.00	N/A
2001-02	\$730,000	10.00	NGF
2002-03	\$630,000	10.00	NGF

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0	0.00	N/A
2001-02	\$730,000	0.00	NGF
2002-03	\$630,000	0.00	NGF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 409.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Section 10.1-561 F of the Code of Virginia directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to administer an education and training program and authorizes the agency to charge reasonable fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently, there are approximately 1,500 persons holding an inspector certification. For this level of effort DCR has one position fully dedicated to the training and certification program. DCR estimates that initially 10,000 people will need to be certified as a result of this legislation. There will also be tracking and renewal of registrants. According to DCR, in order to maintain a training program of this size, 10 additional positions will be required. The following table details the cost estimate for this legislation as computed by DCR:

Item	FY 2002	FY 2003
Personal services costs for 10 positions	\$530,000	\$530,000
Start-up costs	\$100,000	\$0
Annual support costs	\$100,000	\$100,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$730,000</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
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**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and all local governments operating an approved erosion and sediment control program.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** DCR estimates there are more than 25,000 land disturbance activities annually that would be affected by this proposed change to the law. Most of these activities would be currently conducted without a certified person on site and would only be routinely inspected by certified personnel.

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