

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB1271

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Tata

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Soil and water conservation districts; nonpoint source pollution

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill specifies the roles of soil and water conservation districts. Districts are to assist the Department of Conservation and Recreation in (i) providing technical assistance to promote conservation management practices, (ii) delivering educational initiatives on water quality issues, and (iii) promoting incentives to encourage voluntary actions to minimize nonpoint source pollution. The districts will also be responsible for locally administering the Department's Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Assistance Program.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. It simply clarifies the role of soil and water conversation districts in assisting the Department of Conservation and Recreation in management of nonpoint source pollution activities.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources