

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1294

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

2. Patron Ruff

3. Committee S. Courts of Justice

4. Title Attorney General; duties; representation of soil and water conservation districts.

5. Summary/Purpose:

The substitute version of SB 1294 provides that the Office of the Attorney General may provide legal service upon request in civil matters for soil and water conservation districts and district directors.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2004-05	-	-	
2005-06	96,750	1.25	GF
2006-07	96,750	1.25	GF
2007-08	96,750	1.25	GF
2008-09	96,750	1.25	GF
2009-10	96,750	1.25	GF
2010-11	96,750	1.25	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 49.

8. Fiscal implications:

The Code currently gives responsibility for representation of the soil and water conservation districts to the local Commonwealth's Attorney (CA). The CA offices fund the effort from existing resources, but because of the infrequent nature of the work, no funds are dedicated for the effort. Therefore, savings to the Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices cannot be identified if SB1294 passes.

The substitute bill authorizes local Commonwealth Attorneys to request assistance from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). To accommodate the requests, the office reports it will need an attorney dedicated to the program, and related support costs. The OAG estimates its

annual cost to be \$96,750 based on the following:

\$75,000	One Attorney salary and benefits
11,250	1/4 support staff
7,500	Travel
3,000	Supplies, materials and professional development
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\$96,750	Total

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Office of the Attorney General,
Commonwealth's Attorneys, Soil, and Water Conservation Districts

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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