

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB894

<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** Deeds

**3. Committee** Passed both Houses

**4. Title** Office of the Attorney General to represent the Department of Conservation and Recreation in civil matters

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill provides for the Attorney General to represent conservation officers of the Department in civil actions. The bill also provides for the Director of the Department of Conservation to employ special counsel to defend any conservation officer of the Department who is brought before any regulatory body, grand jury or investigated, arrested, indicted or prosecuted on any criminal charge arising out of any act committed in performing his official duties.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are:** Indeterminate, see item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** The costs associated with representation by the Office of the Attorney General or special counsel for conservation officers brought on criminal charges arising out of acts committed while performing official duties cannot be determined at this time. If necessary, budget requests may be submitted in future biennia by Department of Conservation and Recreation, if the costs may not be absorbed in the department's operating budget.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Office of the Attorney General, Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources