

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB119

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

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: **Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Attorney General to represent in any suits or actions.**

5. Summary: The enrolled HB 119 requires the Attorney General to represent Soil and Water Conservation Districts in any suits or actions brought by the districts or district directors. Currently, attorneys for the Commonwealth are charged with the responsibility of representing districts and district directors.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	\$0		
2009	\$95,063	1.00	GF
2010	\$89,763	1.00	GF
2011	\$89,763	1.00	GF
2012	\$89,763	1.00	GF
2013	\$89,763	1.00	GF
2014	\$89,763	1.00	GF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 56, HB/SB 30

8. Fiscal Implications: The Office of the Attorney General estimates it will need one additional attorney to adequately represent the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in suits or actions brought by the districts or district directors due to the time involved with the actions.

The costs are based on an entry level attorney and necessary support costs:

Expense area:	Cost	Includes:
Salaries and Benefits	\$84,500	
Annual support costs	\$5, 263	Rent, supplies, utilities
First year capital costs	\$5,300	Furniture and computer

The OAG reports that if a budget amendment is not provided, it will need to charge the districts for any services provided. If districts are charged, the OAG has sufficient nongeneral fund appropriation to accommodate the additional revenue.

No offsetting dollar savings were estimated for the Commonwealth's Attorneys but their workload throughout the Commonwealth should be reduced by at least one full-time equivalent position.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Office of the Attorney General
Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Commonwealth's Attorneys

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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