

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1079

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Locke

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

4. **Title:** Flood protection plan.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to regularly update the flood protection plan for the Commonwealth and to make the plan accessible online.

This bill includes an enactment clause that notes that the Department, in carrying out its responsibilities under this act, shall work in cooperation with the Joint Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding [HJ 16 (2014); SJ 3 (2014)]. The Department and the Joint Subcommittee shall receive input from interested parties in preparation of the Department's plan update.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 357 (language only).

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires that an online plan contain links to the most current information available from other federal, state, and local sources. According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), this process could require some contractual support for the initial phase of this project. However, once the project is established, then existing resources and personnel will be utilized to keep the project up to date. It is anticipated that the initial contractual support will cost \$60,000 in FY 2016.

The department has identified uncommitted balances in the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund. However, language is needed to allow DCR to use the fund for contractual work on this plan.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** Suggested language could consist of the following: "Unobligated balances within the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund may be utilized, not to exceed \$60,000, to perform activities necessary to update the flood protection plan for the Commonwealth and to make the plan accessible online. Once these activities are complete, the department will maintain and update the plan as needed with existing resources."

The two primary sources of funding for this fund is the general fund and from flood insurance premiums transferred from the State Corporation Commission.

This bill is identical to HB 1817.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources