

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1458

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

**2. Patron:** Murphy

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

**4. Title:** Water protection permits; administrative withdrawal.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the State Water Control Board to administratively withdraw an individual or a general coverage water protection permit application if it is incomplete or for failure by the applicant to provide the required information after 60 days from the date of the latest written information request made by the Board. Prior to an administrative withdrawal, the bill requires the Board to provide (i) notice to the applicant and (ii) an opportunity for an informal fact finding proceeding. The bill also authorizes an applicant to request suspension of an application review by the Board that does not affect the Board's ability to administratively withdraw the application.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. According to DEQ, state agencies applying for water protection permits may experience faster permit processing times as a result of this bill, provided they respond to requests for information within the 60-day timeframe.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.