# Department of Planning and Budget
## 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB119

   **House of Origin** __X__ Introduced ____ Substitute ____ Engrossed

   **Second House** ____ In Committee ____ Substitute ____ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Landes

3. **Committee:** House General Laws

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

5. **Summary:** 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:**

   | Fiscal Year | Dollars | Positions | Fund |
   |---|---|---|---|
   | 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 |

   No offsetting dollar savings were estimated for the Commonwealth's Attorneys but their workload 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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cc:  Office of the Attorney General