

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB884

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Impoundment structures; notice of increase in the flow of water; penalty.

5. Summary: This bill prohibits a dam owner from substantially increasing the flow of water through a dam without first notifying riparian owners and local emergency service organizations within 10 miles downstream. The bill also requires a dam owner to make the dam's current emergency action plans and reservoir regulation protocols available to riparian landowners within 10 miles, as well as to property owners within the dam break inundation zone.

The substitute further stipulates that a dam owner that fails to provide sufficient notice is subject to civil penalties. Any such penalties are to be paid into the Dam Safety Administrative Fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, any minimal costs associated with this bill can be absorbed within the agency's budget.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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