

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB258

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<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:** Law-enforcement consolidation plan.

**5. Summary:** This bill directs the Secretary of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Marine Resources Commission, to develop a plan for the consolidation of the law-enforcement functions of the two agencies under the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The bill includes criteria and issues to be considered in developing the consolidation plan. The bill directs the Secretary to submit the plan to the committees of oversight by November 1, 2014.

**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 Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) and the Marine Resources Commission associated with the development of the consolidation plan can be absorbed within each agency's current resources. DGIF has stated that the bill may result in the pay of overtime wages due to current staffing levels, but the agency's cash reserves and appropriation levels are sufficient to withstand these expenses.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Marine Resources Commission; Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.