

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1079-ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute X Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Locke

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

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 (see Items 8 and 11 below).

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

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:** This is a companion to HB 1817. The House included a "language only" amendment (Item 357#5h) to allow DCR to use balances up to \$60,000 from the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund for the plan.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources