

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB963

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: Morrissey

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: South Central Wastewater Authority; watershed general permit for nutrients.

5. Summary: Directs the South Central Wastewater Authority (SCWWA) to submit a phased construction program to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), including the acquisition of sufficient point source credits until its phased construction is completed. The bill also provides that for each compliance year during the phased construction program that the facility does not achieve the required nutrient removal technology concentration, the SCWWA will be responsible for acquiring sufficient point source credits to comply with its total nitrogen and total phosphorus waste load allocations

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: DEQ anticipates an indeterminate impact on disbursements made from Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) resources authorized for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty (ENRC) Program. According to DEQ, the impacted project to be completed by SCWWA is in the initial stages. The agency states that impact on the WQIF is indeterminate due to uncertainties in contractor availability and the construction market. In November 2022, SCWWA requested a time extension for its nutrient reduction project due to pricing challenges.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; South Central Wastewater Authority; City of Petersburg.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB1839.