

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB999

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Mason

3. Committee: Passed the Senate

4. Title: Waterworks and wastewater works operators; license reciprocity.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (the Department) to issue a reciprocal license for waterworks and wastewater works operators licensed in another state within 30 days of receipt of a complete application. Such license is to be issued if the applicant holds a license or certificate issued by another state in a profession or occupation with a similar scope of practice, if the applicant has held the license or certification for at least three years, if the applicant had to pass an examination to obtain the license or certification, if the applicant is in good standing and has no pending investigations or unresolved complaints against them, if the application does not have a disqualifying criminal record, if no other state has imposed certain discipline on the applicant, and if the applicant pays all applicable fees. The bill directs the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact that this bill may have on the department can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: HB 1940 would also provide for interstate license reciprocity but also contains an emergency clause.