

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure: HB 2246**

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**Measure Description:**

Prohibits Director of Department of State Lands from requiring enhancement of wetlands to correct violation of removal-fill law.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of State Lands (DSL)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

See Analysis

**Analysis:** This measure prohibits the Director of the Department of State Lands from issuing an order that requires a person to correct a violation by enhancing a wetland or otherwise creating conditions in the wetland that did not exist immediately prior to violations.

The measure may result in more evaluations of condition, functions, and values of wetlands immediately prior to the removal-fill activity to ensure restoration proposal does not exceed what the DSL could require. Additional staff time would be required to do these evaluations and potentially increased legal expenses could be incurred due to the provisions of this bill. It is unknown how often this may be triggered or the size and complexity of enforcement actions in the future.