

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research  
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Prepared By: Fred Aikens	Date Prepared: June 19, 1989	Bill No. HB 156	Edition: 3
Approved By: Tom Covington TOMC	JUNE 19, 1989		Rep. Aaron Fussell and Sponsor: Others
Short Title: WATERSHED PROTECTION RULES			

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT			FUNDS AFFECTED:			
			(X) General	( ) Highway	( ) Other:	(X) Local
	County/ State Gov't	Local Gov't	State Fiscal Impact			
				FY 89-90	FY 90-91	FY
No Fiscal Impact	( )	( )	State Total Req'ments	\$17,664	\$17,664	
Increase Expenditure	(X)	(X)	Receipts/Revenues			
Decrease Expenditure	( )	( )	Net State Expend./Rev.	\$17,664	\$17,664	
			No. of Positions			
			Local Fiscal Impact			
Increase Revenue	(X)	( )		FY	FY	FY
Decrease Revenue	( )	( )	Local Total Req'ments			
No Estimate Avail.	( )	(X)	Receipts/Revenues			
			Net Local Expend./Rev.			
			No. of Positions			

Description of Legislation

1. Summary of Legislation:

This bill, if enacted, requires the Environmental Management Commission to adopt rules establishing water supply watershed classifications and minimum management requirements for the protection of the surface water supplies of the State.

2. Effective Date:

Upon ratification

3. Fund or Tax Affected:

General Fund

4. Principal Department/Program Affected:

Department of Natural Resources and Community Development,  
Division of Environmental Management and the  
Environmental Management Commission

Cost or Revenue Impact on State	FY 89-90	FY 90-91	FY
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1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues

2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	\$17,664	\$17,664	
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3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY 88-89	FY 89-90	FY
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1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues

2. Recurring Costs/Revenues

3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

Department of Natural Resources and Community Development  
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

Technical Considerations/Comments

The direct and immediate costs to implement HB 156 over the 89-91 biennium is estimated to be \$17,664 per year. This figure relates only to the travel, per diem, and subsistence costs of the "Watershed Protection Advisory Council". Though the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development indicates that the requirements of HB 156 can be accommodated over the 89-91 biennium without additional appropriations, additional funds will be required in subsequent years. Adequate staff personnel in the Division of Environmental Management are currently available

to handle the initial workload increases over the 89-91 biennium, if HB 156 is enacted. However, beginning in the 1991-92 fiscal year, the Department will require additional appropriations for personnel and support to implement the provisions of HB 156. These appropriations will likely be requested in the 91-92 biennial budget request and could range between \$200,000 and \$400,000 depending on the number of positions required in field offices to review watershed protection plans and provide technical assistance to local governments.

Section 1(h) of HB 156 authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to make annual grants to local governments for the purpose of assisting in the development of local water supply watershed protection programs. Funds are not currently appropriated by the General Assembly and neither does the bill request an appropriation for this purpose.



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