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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4565
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Subject: Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act
Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Stein, Dunbar, Wren, and Gardner
Impact Date: February 11, 2016 - Updated for additional agency response

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$1,395,209	\$1,167,544
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	13.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	See Below	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The Department of Health and Environmental Control estimates that this bill would require thirteen additional FTE positions and have an expenditure impact on the General Fund in the amount of \$1,395,209 in the FY 2016-17 and \$1,167,544 in FY 2017-18 and each year thereafter. This bill would have no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on February 11, 2016

State Expenditure

This bill amends various sections of Article 3, Chapter 11, Title 49 of the Code so as to require of dam owners to register with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and to provide the department with written and annually updated inspection and maintenance plans, emergency action plans, and emergency alert notification plans. The department is authorized to regulate, via permits, inspections, enforcement actions, and remediation, dams defined in the Article. The bill delineates the responsibilities of the department and high-hazard dam owners in regard to risk mitigation, reporting requirements, and financial assurances. The bill provides penalties for violations. The bill replaces the requirement for DHEC to certify dams with the requirement to permit and register dams. The bill does not provide for permit fees.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The fiscal impact statement is updated based on the following agency response. The department reports that this bill would require thirteen new FTE positions to annually process and review registration forms, emergency action plans, inspection and maintenance plans, financial assurance documents, and perform inspections

of high hazard dams. Expenditures are estimated at \$1,395,209 in FY 2016-17 and \$1,167,544 in FY 2017-18 each year thereafter. Salaries and fringes for thirteen FTEs are estimated at \$982,132. Operating expenses are estimated at \$185,412. One time start-up expenditures for vehicles, communication devices, and office suites are estimated at \$227,665.

Department of Transportation. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Judicial Department. The Judicial Department is unable to predict the number of additional cases that might result from the provisions of this bill. However, it is anticipated that the increase would be minimal and the department would absorb the increased expenditure within the agency's available resources. This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted twenty-three county governments and the Municipal Association regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Horry County does not anticipate an expenditure impact as a result of this bill as the county does not own or operate dams or reservoirs. Richland County indicates that any expenditures associated with this bill could be absorbed within the county's current budget. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed localities, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on local governments.

Local Revenue

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Explanation of Bill Filed on January 12, 2016

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Department of Health and Environmental Control. The expenditure impact from this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

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