HB2238 Fiscal Impact Statement

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s).

Any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public that require an Individual Permit, General Permit, Emergency Permit, Permit Waiver (ODOT, ODFW, OSMB, OPRD, cities, counties), or General Authorization to work in waters of the state will be economically affected by the rules being amended in Divisions 85, 89, and 90. Additionally, any state agencies and units of local government using the Department's wetland delineation process (ODOT, OPRD, OHCS, etc.) will likely be economically affected by the rule being amended in Division 90. The Department considered several costs and cost recovery models during the rulemaking.

Members of the public are the largest user group of the Department's wetland delineation process and removal-fill permitting process. Members of the public that will likely be economically affected by the rules being amended in Division 85, 89, and 93 include landowners, businesses, developers, marinas, natural resource consulting firms, and the habitat restoration community. Members of the public that will likely be economically affected by the rule being amended in Division 90 include landowners, developers, natural resource consulting firms, and the wetland restoration community.

- (2) Effect on Small Businesses:
- (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s);

Any businesses that require an authorization under the amended rules in Divisions 85, 89, and 93 will be subject to the amended rule. All businesses, developers, marinas, natural resource consulting firms, and the habitat restoration community requiring a removal-fill authorization from the Department will be subject to the new fees. Because of the nature of activities allowed under General Authorizations, they are not a common tool used by small businesses.

Small businesses such as home builders, developers, natural resource consulting firms, and the wetland restoration community using the Department's wetland delineation process will be subject to the new fees implemented by the amended rule in Division 90.

The Department considered several costs and cost recovery models during the rulemaking.

(b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s);

No change to the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost will be required to comply with the rule.

(c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

No change to the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and administration will be required to comply with the rules being amended in Divisions 85, 89, and 93.

The cost of professional services required to comply with the rule being amended in Division 90 should not be affected unless application fees are included in these costs.