

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 382

PRINTER NO. 992

AMOUNT

\$13,000

FUND

Clean Water Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 21, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Laughlin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 382 amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act by adding definitions and establishing fee amounts.

This legislation provides for the definition of a 'groin structure' as a shore structure that may affect shore erosion, wave action or inundation. The Department of Environmental Protection may not charge a license fee of more than \$250 for a person to construct, repair, replace, operate, maintain or remove a structure at the licensed premises. The current annual fee is \$750 for these structures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 382 will result in a reduction of revenue to the Clean Water Fund. Currently, there are 28 groin structures with Submerged Lands License Agreements issued, of which two are exempt from the annual charge under the current regulation. The reduction from the current \$750 annual fee to the legislatively proposed \$250 annual fee would result in a reduction of \$13,000.