

FISCAL NOTE

May 12, 2025

Bill No:	SB 403	Printer's No:	382	Sponsor:	Yaw
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2024-25	2025-26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: SB 403 amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act to provide for a continuous maintenance permit.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a continuous maintenance permit for which the Department of Transportation or a municipality may apply. The permit shall allow permittees to maintain, inspect and monitor water courses, water obstructions, appurtenant works and encroachments.

DEP shall approve applications from entities that do not have permit violations and takes an affirmative duty over the watercourses.

Permittees shall report to DEP by January 15 of each year a compilation of maintenance projects from the previous year. Permits are in effect for 10 years.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 403 (combined with SB 404) will require DEP to hire 5 FTE (with equipment, salary, benefits, and training) at a cost of \$670,835 annually. The positions would be in our Office of Water Programs, Bureau of Waterways, Engineering, and Wetland. Fund to be augmented would be 10382.

Position	Number of Positions Needed	Salary	Benefits	IT/Equipment	Training
Environmental Group Manager (Pay Grade 9)	1	\$75,678	\$52,218	\$5,713	\$13,304
Water Program Specialist (Pay Grade 8)	4	\$265,000	\$182,852	\$22,852	\$53,218