

FISCAL NOTE

May 15, 2024

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| Bill No: | SB 689 | Printer's No: | 713 | Sponsor: | Yaw |
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COST / (SAVINGS)

| Fund (s) | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
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| General Fund | See Fiscal Impact | See Fiscal Impact |

SUMMARY: SB 689 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 689 (combined with SB 690) will require DEP to hire 5 FTE (with equipment, salary and benefits) at a cost of \$670,834 annually.