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| Bill Number: | S. 0081 | Introduced on January 8, 2019 |
| Author: | Campsen | |
| Subject: | Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act | |
| Requestor: | Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources | |
| RFA Analyst(s): | Shuford | |
| Impact Date: | January 8, 2019 | |

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds since the bill will not materially alter the Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) dam oversight or regulatory activities. Regulation 72-1 exempts from the Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act any dam, which in the judgment of the Department of Health and Environmental Control because of its size and location, could pose no significant threat of danger to downstream life or property.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill exempts dams greater than twenty-five feet in height from the requirements of the Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act where the hazard potential as determined by DHEC is such that dam failure or improper reservoir operation is not expected to cause loss of life and may only cause minimal property damage. Additionally, the bill eliminates the application and certified design requirements of Section 49-11-210 and 49-11-220 when an owner constructs or repairs a dam or reservoir when the proposed dam or reservoir will pose no significant danger to human life or the property of someone other than the owner of the dam.

DHEC indicates that the bill's requirements will not materially alter the department's dam oversight or regulatory activities. Regulation 72-1 exempts from the Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act any dam, which in the judgment of the department because of its size and location, could pose no significant threat of danger to downstream life or property. Therefore, the bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director