

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB141

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Edwards

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Department of Wildlife Resources; boat ramp fees.

**5. Summary:** Removes the authorization for the Department of Wildlife Resources to charge a fee for the use of facilities that it manages but does not own and for the use of boat ramps that it owns or manages.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources, as the requirement to charge fees has not yet been implemented by the agency.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Wildlife Resources.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** Item 382, Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I (the budget bill), directs DWR to participate in a study for the purpose of developing and providing recommendations on access permit fees, various alternatives, and other issues related to the use and maintenance DWR-owned boat ramp facilities. One of the recommendations of this study was to lift the mandate of user access fees for paddlers. According to DWR, this bill carries out this recommendation.