

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 432

**SHORT TITLE:** Storm Hazard Mitigation Study

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Fountain Odom and Senator Hamilton Horton

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes ( )      No ( )      **No Estimate Available (X)**

**FY 1997-98**   **FY 1998-99**   **FY 1999-00**   **FY 2000-01**   **FY 2001-02**

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

See Assumptions and Methodology

**POSITIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** General Assembly, Legislative Services Office

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1997

**BILL SUMMARY:** Comm'n consists of 16 members (four Representatives appointed by the Speaker; four Senators appointed by the Pres. Pro. Tem.; two people with backgrounds in environmental protection or conservation, one appointed by the Speaker and one by the Pres. Pro. Tem.; two people representing the business community, one appointed by the Speaker and one by the Pres. Pro. Tem.; four people representing local governments of barrier islands, two appointed by the Speaker and two by the Pres. Pro. Tem.). Comm'n will study the need for and feasibility of requiring full disclosure of natural hazards to people acquiring property on barrier islands, restricting future state subsidies and support of development in designated high hazard areas on barrier islands (such as infrastructure, roads, and bridges and payment of claims for disaster relief), and establishing a program for acquisition of land in high hazard areas. Comm'n must make final report due to 1998 session. Effective July 1, 1997.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Institute of Government, **Daily Bulletin**, 1997 Edition.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** While legislation does not specify number of meetings that must be held by the Commission, it is assumed that the Commission will finish its final report by the 1998 Session, as the bill specifies. There are eight (8) Commission members who are Legislators; eight(8) Commission members are non-legislators. It is assumed that the cost per day for Commission members to meet will be a function of the following:

- per diem /out of pocket expenses for legislators(\$104/day) and non-legislators(\$86/day);
- travel (avg. = \$0.29 x 150 miles = \$43.50) ;
- clerical assistance (\$601 per 5-day week);
- postage(\$250),
- telephone(\$250), and
- copying and printing(\$1,000).

Further on page 2, lines 22-23, the Commission is permitted to engage in contractual arrangements with consultants, although no funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose. It is assumed the Commission would request assistance for consultants from the Legislative Services commission.

Assume the Commission elects to meet monthly from August, 1997 - May, 1998 [10 months]. Each one day meeting, is estimated to cost \$1,732.00 [ for 16 participants' per diem, subsistence, travel; for clerical assistance , including "meeting maintenance" items such as telephone, postage, printing, and the like]; and each 2-day meeting, \$1,827.00. Two-day meetings are not exactly twice the cost of a single day due to differences in members and non-members reimbursement rates and lodging and other subsistence costs. A range of expenditure is estimated between \$17,300.00 and \$18,270, if all ten meetings were held.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS none:**

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