

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** HB 513 w/CS Professional Geology  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Culp  
**TIED BILLS:** **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1878

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REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Business Regulation	35 Y, 0 N w/CS	Livingston	Liepshutz
2) State Administration	_____	_____	_____
3) Commerce & Local Affairs Apps. (Sub)	_____	_____	_____
4) Appropriations	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

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### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Florida Water Resources Act of 1972 provides requirements for certification of water resource activities by a professional engineer.

The bill amends the Water Resources Act to provide requirements for certification of water resource activities by a professional geologist, in addition to, a professional engineer.

The bill is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact on state or local governments.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families?                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Chapter 373, F.S., is the Florida Water Resources Act of 1972. Section 373.117, F.S., provides requirements for certification of water resource activities by a professional engineer. An application for a permit or license to conduct an activity regulated under this chapter may require the services of a professional engineer. These services may be necessary if the Department of Environmental Protection or governing board of a water management district, requires that a professional engineer certify that the activity has been completed in substantial compliance with the plans and specifications approved by the department or board.

##### Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 373.117, F.S., to provide requirements for certification of water resource activities by a professional geologist, in addition to, a professional engineer.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 373.117, F.S., to provide requirements for certification of water resource activities by a professional geologist.

Section 2. Effective date - upon becoming a law.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:  
None anticipated.
2. Expenditures:  
None anticipated.

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:  
NA

2. Expenditures:

NA

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The economic impact to the private sector includes the opportunity for a professional geologist to participate in the contract services provisions of the Florida Water Resources Act of 1972.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

NA

2. Other:

None noted.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

NA

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None noted.

### IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

The CS deletes the provisions of the original bill which added professional geology to the definition of "professional services" for purposes of allowing a professional geologist to offer services under the "Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act."