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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6468**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1158**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 19, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Heritage Trust Project Procedures.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that whenever the Indiana Heritage Trust Program plans to acquire property, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must conduct a public hearing in the county where the property is located.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Requiring the DNR to conduct public hearings will increase costs to the Department by an indeterminable amount. The program in 1999 purchased 29 parcels. The proposal would require DNR staff to schedule and attend the public hearings that could be held after normal business hours. The impact of staff costs is indeterminable, but not expected to be significant. The DNR may also experience additional expenses associated with renting a facility in which to hold the meeting if a public or cost-free facility is not available. The specific impact is indeterminable but will depend on the number of future Heritage Trust purchases and the locations of the public meetings.

The proposal could affect costs associated with Heritage Trust land purchases if the requirement to hold a public meeting affects the timing of the purchase and, consequently, the price or the availability of the land; or if the notice of the meeting and the interest generated affects the purchase price.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units that contain property to be purchased by Heritage Trust.

**Information Sources:**