

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1980

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Orrock

3. Committee Agriculture

4. Title Abolishment of the Farmers Market Board.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill would abolish the Virginia Farmers Market Board and transfer the economic, policy, and market development responsibilities of the Farmers Market Board to the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary (See Item 8)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	(\$30,000)	0.00	GF
2001-02	(\$30,000)	0.00	GF
2002-03	(\$30,000)	0.00	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. The savings attributed to this legislation have been included in the Governor's introduced budget.

8. Fiscal implications: The operating expenses of the Farmers Market Board, including travel and per diem for four board meetings per year, total approximately \$5,800 each fiscal year. Abolishment of the Board would reduce the agency's general fund expenditures by this amount. This bill would also result in additional savings in the amount of \$24,200. The additional savings are derived from the reduction in marketing and promotional activities such as tours and other events for the four state-owned wholesale or shipping point farmers market facilities.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Farmers Market Board.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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