

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1992

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

2. **Patron** Cox

3. **Committee** Agriculture

4. **Title** Abolishment of the Aquaculture Advisory Board.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would abolish the Aquaculture Advisory Board and give the Commissioner of Agriculture the authority to work with and assist industry groups, aquaculture associations, and academic institutions to sustain, expand and further develop the industry and to develop, support, and implement policies beneficial to Virginia aquaculture.

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 | (\$5,000) | 0.00 | GF |
| 2001-02 | (\$5,000) | 0.00 | GF |
| 2002-03 | (\$5,000) | 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 Aquaculture Advisory Board, including travel and per diem for four board meetings per year, total approximately \$5,000 each fiscal year. Abolishment of the Board would reduce the agency's general fund expenditures by this amount.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Aquaculture Advisory Board.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** None

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