

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** Powers and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would 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:** See Item 8

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 95.

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill will have no fiscal impact

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

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** This bill removes the abolishment of the Aquaculture Advisory Board (Board) that was contained in the original version. The savings of \$5,000 each fiscal year that would result from the abolishment of the Board was submitted as part of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' productivity plan and included in the Governor's introduced budget.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade

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