

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1297

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Mims

3. Committee Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title Enforcement of environmental matters in federal courts

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action in the appropriate federal court in situations where the State Air Pollution Control Board, the State Water Control Board, the Virginia Waste Management Board, or the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to bring such action in the courts of the Commonwealth.
6. **Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8.
7. **Budget amendment necessary:** See Item 8.
8. **Fiscal implications:** If Virginia is a co-plaintiff in a federal enforcement action or a party in intervention to a federal decree that results in the imposition of penalties, half of those penalties could be directed to Virginia in the form of Supplemental Environmental Projects or deposited in the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund. However, DPB cannot estimate the potential amount of any such penalties. DPB also cannot quantify any potential fiscal impact associated with the Commonwealth's participation in federal enforcement actions.
9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; Office of the Attorney General.
10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.
11. **Other comments:** This bill is identical to HB 2602 and similar to HB 2330.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources
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