

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB497

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

2. Patron Orrock

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title Citizen water quality monitoring program

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill requires that the Department of Environmental Quality establish a citizen water quality monitoring program to provide technical assistance and possibly grants to support citizen water quality monitoring groups if (i) the monitoring is done pursuant to a memorandum of agreement with the Department, (ii) the project or activity is consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality's water quality monitoring program, (iii) the monitoring is conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Citizens Monitoring Methods Manual, and (iv) the location of the water quality monitoring activity is part of the water quality control plan required under the Code of Virginia.

6. Fiscal impact: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: There would be no significant additional costs to the Department of Environmental Quality associated with implementation of this legislation. The agency already has a citizen water quality monitoring program that provides grants to citizen water quality monitoring groups. The 2002 Introduced Budget Bill includes \$65,000 for such grants in each year of the next biennium.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources