

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB115

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

2. Patron: Bolling

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Ballast water reporting system

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill designates the Hampton Roads Maritime Association as the Virginia Marine Resources' agent for collecting the Ballast Water Control Report forms filled out by ship operators. The bill also exempts an operator or a ship agent of an operator from having to file a report, if the vessel's previous port of call is within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and a report had been previously filed when the vessel entered its first U.S. port of call. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will submit copies of the operators' reports to the national clearinghouse on a quarterly basis with the Hampton Roads Maritime Association submitting the reports to the Commission monthly for quarterly federal filing.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	NA	NA	NA
2002-03	\$66,966	1.00	0100
2003-04	\$66,236	1.00	0100

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 398, "Coastal Lands Management."

8. Fiscal implications: The fees assessed by the Hampton Roads Maritime Association are only to cover the costs incurred by the Maritime Association for reporting services provided to vessel operators and any associated record keeping. Therefore, there is no revenue impact for the Commonwealth. The Marine Resources Commission estimates that the agency's responsibility for managing and administering the ballast water reporting program will require one additional Environmental Engineer position and related administrative costs. Although the Hampton Roads Maritime Association will collect the Ballast Water Control Report forms, the Marine Resources Commission will remain responsible for submitting the reports to the national clearinghouse, following up with ship operators, and enforcing the program's provisions. The estimated costs are:

	<i>FY2002 -03</i>	<i>FY2003 -04</i>
Environmental Engineer (salary and fringes)	\$46,966	\$51,236
Continuous charges (rent, phone, pool car)	\$11,000	\$11,000
Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,000
Travel	\$2,000	\$2,000

Equipment	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$66,966	\$66,236

As an alternative, the Marine Resources Commission could forward the report submitted to the national clearinghouse, but without follow-up and enforcement to ensure effective implementation.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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