

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1627

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Delegate Cox

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Virginia Scenic River Board

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill creates the Virginia Scenic River Board, eliminates the Virginia Scenic River Advisory Boards, corrects a mileage error related to the Staunton State Scenic River, designates the Historic Lower James River as a state scenic river, codifies the St. Mary's River as a river segment worthy of designation, and requires a report by the Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2009 to evaluate the effectiveness of the new state board.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This legislation will result in minimal additional financial savings since the Department of Conservation and Recreation has already given up a position and operating support related to these boards in the recent budget reductions. Generally speaking, board expenses have been limited. This is, in part, related to the fact that many of the advisory boards have been inactive, while the active ones have largely donated their time and expenses. Some of the savings will be offset by the necessity for increased travel to central meeting locations of the Statewide board. If the 19 boards were to remain and become active, and if all 130 plus members choose to seek travel reimbursements, then the budget impact would be substantial. Passing of this bill avoids that possibility.

The correction of the mileage is to correct text; the actual mileage of designation did not change.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to HB1970.

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