

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2396

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

2. Patron: Delegate May

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Virginia Outdoors Foundation's regional open -space preservation advisory boards

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill abolishes the six regional open -space preservation advisory boards and recommends a broad geographical representation for the members of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation board of trustees. Each advisory board evaluates grant applications from applicants proposing to convey easements located within its region; identifies applications that will provide the most significant open -space preservation benefits according to guidelines and timetables developed by the Foundation, and forwards these recommendations to the Foundation. The boards have not been active recently. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Operations, Practices, Duties, and Funding of the Commonwealth's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Other Governmental Entities pursuant to HJR 159 (2002).

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This bill will result in minimal savings as these boards have been inactive. The Virginia Outdoors Foundation does not receive a state appropriation.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Outdoors Foundation

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of state government through board mergers should result in improved services for the Commonwealth's citizens and visitors.

Prior to engrossment, this bill was identical to SB 766.

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