

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2436

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| 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: Delegate Dillard

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Invasive Species Council established

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill establishes the nine -member Invasive Species Council. The Council, which is composed of executive branch agency heads, and chaired by the Secretary of Natural Resources, is charged with providing state leadership regarding prevention and control of invasive species and preparation of an invasive species management plan. Invasive species are species that are not native to an ecosystem and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, if the funding identified in Item 8 below is provided.

8. Fiscal implications: Resources are not currently available within the Department of Conservation and Recreation to support the Council and Advisory Committee. Staffing the Council and Advisory Committee for the four Council meetings per year and numerous Advisory Committee meetings at an estimate of eight total meetings per year and four staff days/meeting will require some 32 staff days/year of staff time and cost \$10,000 annually. The Invasive Species Management Plan required by § 10.1-2606, Code of Virginia, is called for within 18 months or when funding becomes available. The Department of Conservation and Recreation estimates a one-time cost of \$25,000 to prepare the plan.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Secretary of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Marine Resources Commission, Department of Forestry, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Department of Health, Department of Transportation

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None

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