

Department of Planning and Budget

2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB13

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

2. Patron Cox

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title Sweet Potato Board and Fund; abolished

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill abolishes the Virginia Sweet Potato Board, the Virginia Sweet Potato Fund, and the excise tax that supports the board's promotion of sweet potatoes. The Sweet Potato Board was created prior to 1950 to support the sweet potato industry through grants for education, research, and marketing. The Sweet Potato Association favors the elimination of the Board because the number of sweet potato growers has declined in Virginia and the funds available are not sufficient to carry out the programs to promote the industry. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study 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: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	\$0	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2004-05	(\$3,835)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2005-06	(\$3,835)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2006-07	(\$3,835)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2007-08	(\$3,835)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2008-09	(\$3,835)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2009-10	(\$3,835)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	\$0	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2004-05	(\$2,000)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2005-06	(\$2,000)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2006-07	(\$2,000)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2007-08	(\$2,000)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2008-09	(\$2,000)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)
2009-10	(\$2,000)	0.00	nongeneral (0910)

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, House Bill 30 includes an appropriation of \$3,835 in each year for support of the Sweet Potato Board. Item 99 should be amended to delete the appropriation.
8. Fiscal implications: The revenue deposited to the Sweet Potato Fund is estimated to be \$2,000 annually. The Appropriation Act provides for an appropriation of \$3,835 annually to account for expenditure of funds carried forward from one fiscal year to the next.
9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Sweet Potato Board, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
10. Technical amendment necessary: No.
11. Other comments: The bill is identical to House Bill 209.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade