

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2031

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

2. Patron: Miles

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Mapping of inundation zones

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill authorizes localities to map inundation zones for those areas that may be threatened by a break in a dam, and encourages localities to incorporate this information into their zoning and subdivision ordinances. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to award grants to assist with mapping and digitization of dam break inundation zones. The bill also states that the section does not conflict or supersede the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy's authority for the regulation of mineral extraction, and it specifies that the maps shall be made available to the public and the dam owner.

6. Fiscal Impact: See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The legislation authorizes grants to localities for mapping and digitizing dam inundation zones. The grants will be funded through an existing funding source, the Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund. The fund is generated through plain insurance premiums paid by property owners in flood plains. Currently, §10.1-603.19, Code of Virginia, provides for the flood plain premiums to be used for grants for design, repair, or other safety modifications to dams. The proposed legislation expands the grant authority to include grants for mapping and digitization of dam break inundation zones. The bill specifies that localities contribute a local match for the mapping projects, and that priority for awarding grants be given to the highest class of dams.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources