

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB651

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: Lewis

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Federal sport fish matching funds

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill gives the Virginia Marine Resources Commission the authority to continue to accept federal Wallop-Breaux grant money. The U.S. Department of the Interior has indicated that Virginia's current statutes do not give the agency such authority. The wording, as proposed, would satisfy federal officials.

6. Fiscal impact: See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Federal Wallop-Breaux grant funds for the Marine Resources Commission total \$1.1 million per year. Without the change to statute to meet the federal requirements, Virginia may lose the grant funding. The funds are used to support mandated Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission research projects on species such as shad and striped bass.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources