

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1396

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Lohr

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Agritourism

5. Summary: The bill charges the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services with the responsibility of promoting Virginia agritourism both nationally and internationally. The commissioner is to develop a statewide agritourism master plan and coordinate efforts to educate the public about the importance of Virginia's agriculture heritage and industry.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$115,220	1.0	general
2010	\$113,100	1.0	general
2011	\$113,100	1.0	general
2012	\$113,100	1.0	general
2013	\$113,100	1.0	general
2014	\$113,100	1.0	general

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 94 of House Bill 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, implementing the bill will require one full-time employee (pay band 6). The cost of salary and fringe benefits for the position is \$90,538 annually. Other support costs for the position include travel, information technology, communications, and office supplies. The cost estimate also includes \$12,000 annually for advertising and promotions of agritourism in Virginia.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry