

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB648

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

2. Patron: Ticer

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Used motor oil; annual survey of individual practices**

5. Summary: The bill requires the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct and publish an annual survey of consumers to analyze: (i) trends in the numbers of individuals who change their own motor oil, oil filters, or antifreeze; (ii) the proportion of such individuals who properly dispose of motor oil, oil filters, or antifreeze; and (iii) the reasons that individuals choose not to properly dispose of motor oil, oil filters, or antifreeze. The bill also requires the department to maintain and promote a toll-free hotline number and website for information on collection sites. The bill includes an enactment clause which states that the bill does not take effect unless a general fund appropriation is included in the 2008 Appropriation Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$87,500 - \$205,500	1.0	general fund
2010	\$87,500 - \$205,500	1.0	general fund
2011	\$87,500 - \$205,500	1.0	general fund
2012	\$87,500 - \$205,500	1.0	general fund
2013	\$87,500 - \$205,500	1.0	general fund
2014	\$87,500 - \$205,500	1.0	general fund

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 365 of SB/HB 30, the Budget Bill. The bill includes an enactment clause which states that the bill does not take effect unless a general fund appropriation is included in the 2008 Appropriation Act. From information available, it appears that an amendment is proposed to Item 368 of Senate Bill 30 that requires the Department of Environmental Quality to use \$10,000 each year from dedicated special revenue (nongeneral funds) to implement a toll-free number and annual survey as authorized by the bill.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Environmental Quality estimates that the annual costs of conducting and publishing the annual survey of consumers, using a public opinion research contract, will be \$80,000. Establishing and maintaining the toll-free hotline will cost \$2,500, and providing public outreach to publicize the hotline will cost \$45,000.

Staffing for the hotline and coordinating the survey will require one full-time position, at an annual cost of \$78,000 for salary, benefits, and support.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) suggests that the cost of the survey may be significantly less, if the survey questions are included as part of Virginia Commonwealth University's Commonwealth Poll. It is noted that a survey large enough to identify a statistically significant sub-sample of persons who change their own oil may cost more.

The JLARC also suggests that there will be no cost associated with promoting the hotline and website, because signage is already provided to retailers who sell motor oil, filters, or antifreeze. The Department of Environmental Quality's estimate assumes more active promotion of the toll-free hotline and website to the public.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources