

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1180

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

**2. Patron:** Phillips

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** **Russell Fork River; designates portion thereof as component of State Scenic Rivers System.**

**5. Summary:** This bill designates a portion of the Russell Fork River, approximately nine miles, as a component of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System. The engrossed version of this bill specifies that the designation is not to be used: (i) to designate the lands along the river and its tributaries as unsuitable for mining, or (ii) as a criterion for imposing water quality standards under the federal Clean Water Act.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Studies related to this designation have already been completed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which is tasked with oversight of these designations. The agency anticipates being able to absorb any additional costs resulting from this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** Other bills that seek to designate portions of rivers as being components of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System, are SB17 (Blackwater River), HB501 (Jordan River) and HB503 (Hughes River).

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