

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2520

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

**2. Patron:** Peace, C.

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Advisory boards, councils, and other advisory collegial bodies, certain; elimination.

**5. Summary:** Eliminates the following advisory boards, councils, and other advisory collegial bodies including:

- Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
- Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council
- State Interoperability Executive Committee
- Plant Pollination Advisory Board
- Medal of Valor Review Board
- Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources
- Tourist Train Development Authority
- Rail Advisory Board
- State Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Advisory Council
- Maritime Incident Response Advisory Board; and
- Lower James River Advisory Committee

The bill also makes changes to the duties of the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and the Department of General Services (DGS).

The bill contains numerous technical amendments.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate with minimal savings

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill eliminates and reduces several boards and commissions and consolidates some of their responsibilities into state agencies to streamline state government. Minimal savings will be achieved through the resulting elimination or reduction of reimbursement costs to board members and the administrative costs of the supporting agencies. Savings are not expected to exceed \$100,000 general fund and \$50,000 in

nongeneral funds. Lesser savings may result when responsibilities of the consolidated boards and commissions are passed onto their supporting agencies, which may require additional agency staff time. However, VDACS and DGS are identified in the bill as receiving additional responsibilities and both agencies testify that the bill does not provide a fiscal impact to their agency. The overall fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate but may result in a total estimated maximum savings of \$150,000 annually.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Forestry, Department of General Services, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Secretary of Public Safety, Virginia Employment Commission, and the Virginia Port Authority

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

The bill eliminates the Lower James River Advisory Committee, however, one reference to the committee remains in the legislation. Consideration should be made to eliminating, “; advisory committee established” from lines 294-295.

- 11. Other Comments:** On January 16, 2010, Governor McDonnell issued Executive Order No. 2 (2010), establishing the Governor’s Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring to conduct a review of Virginia state government. The Commission was tasked with identifying opportunities for creating efficiencies in state government, including streamlining, consolidating, or eliminating redundant and unnecessary agency services, governing bodies, regulations and programs. As a result of their work, the Commission issued a report to the Governor on December 1, 2010 that contained 133 recommendations for improving state government. This bill is resulting legislation from the Commission’s work on consolidating boards and commissions.

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