Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB302

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

2. **Patron:** Scott, E.T.

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Laboratory certification.

5. **Summary:** This bill exempts laboratories from obtaining certification when they are using the protocols established by the Department of Conservation and Recreation's voluntary nutrient management training and certification program in determining soil fertility, animal manure nutrient content, or plant tissue nutrient uptake for the purposes of nutrient management. Currently, all laboratories conducting any tests, analyses, measurements, or monitoring required pursuant to the Virginia Waste Management Act (Chapter 13, Title 10.1, Code of Virginia), or the State Water Control Law (§ 62.1-44.2 et seq.) must be certified.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Currently, laboratories pay fees to the Department of General Services' Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services to offset the costs to conduct laboratory certifications. Fees are determined by the number of methods and technologies a laboratory provides that require certification. The exemption provided by the bill may reduce fees collected to support the certification program. However, as the number of laboratories included in this exemption is unknown, any impact on the level of revenue generated is indeterminate.

   The Departments of Environmental Quality and Conservation and Recreation do not anticipate a fiscal impact resulting from this bill.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of General Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Environmental Quality.

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

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is identical to SB52, as introduced.

   Date: 1/23/2012