

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB538

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Hunter education program.

5. Summary: This bill removes all language in § 29.1-300.2, Code of Virginia, dictating the specific number of positions required to administer the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' hunter education program. Instead, the bill provides that the department will administratively support the statewide delivery of the hunter education course. Current statute requires that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries employ six full-time hunter education coordinator positions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is expected that this bill will not have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Presently, all hunter education coordinators are law enforcement officers of the agency. With the removal of the language dictating the number of positions required to administer the hunter education program, it is possible that the agency may utilize the positions to support other program areas. Any savings that may result will be minimal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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