

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2069

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

**2. Patron:** Knight

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Sale of seedlings.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the State Forester to sell seedlings grown in nurseries established by the State Forester to private individuals. The terms and conditions of the sale and the price of the seedlings will be set by the State Forester.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates are final.** See item 8, below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill expressly grants authority to the Department of Forestry (DOF) to sell seedlings from its nurseries to private individuals. DOF built its nursery seedling program around the business model of producing viable forest tree seedlings from its nursery sites to accommodate reforestation and conservation needs within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Seedlings are grown from seed and sold to private landowners and business interests for planting their property with anticipation of growing future forest crops and / or meeting various conservation purposes. The financial basis is for the DOF to sell its seedlings at a reasonable price sufficient to cover its annual operating expenses. The bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the department.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Forestry.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 2/15/13

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