

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1542-ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute X Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Lingamfelter

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** State Trails Advisory Committee established.

5. **Summary:** Establishes an advisory committee with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to assist in developing and implementing a statewide system of attractive, sustainable, connected, and enduring trails for the perpetual use and enjoyment of citizens. The bill has a sunset date of January 1, 2021.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Committee shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and shall be composed of a representative from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. National Park Service; the Virginia Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission; and nonlegislative citizen members, including representatives from the Virginia Outdoors Plan Technical Advisory Committee and the Recreational Trails Advisory Committee and other individuals with technical expertise in trail creation, construction, maintenance, use, and management. The Committee shall meet at least twice each calendar year.

Members of the Committee will not receive compensation for their service and shall not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. According to information received from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, any additional cost as a result of this bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. National Park Service, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources