Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB356

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

2. **Patron:** Deeds

3. **Committee:** Passed both Houses.

4. **Title:** Virginia Pollinator Protection Strategy.

5. **Summary:** This bill directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop and maintain a pollinator protection strategy (the Strategy) to promote the health of and mitigate the risks to pollinator species, including honeybees. The Strategy shall include a protection plan for managed pollinators that provides voluntary best management practices and supports efforts to reduce exposure, increase habitat, and take other steps to protect pollinators. The Department shall seek the assistance of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Department of Environmental Quality and shall establish a stakeholder group. The second enactment clause of this bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide an interim report on the Strategy no later than July 1, 2017, and shall, upon completion of the Strategy but not later than July 1, 2018, submit the final report.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact resulting from this legislation will be minimal and can be absorbed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as well as the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Department of Environmental Quality.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and the Department of Environmental Quality.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.