

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1599

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

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Ground water withdrawal; Eastern Shore Groundwater Management Area; incentives for use.

5. Summary: Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations providing incentives for the withdrawal of water from the surficial aquifer, rather than the deep aquifer, in the Eastern Shore Groundwater Management Area, as defined in the bill. Such incentives may include extended permit terms of as long as 20 years, an accelerated permit process, or discounted permit fees.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill is subject to the magnitude and nature of any incentives that may be adopted by the State Water Control Board. It is not possible to forecast the individual impact of undefined incentives, or the number of applications that will seek to utilize them.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.