

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1674

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Hodges

3. **Committee:** Passed the House

4. **Title:** Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area; provisional surface water withdrawal permit.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes the State Water Control Board to issue a provisional surface water withdrawal permit within the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area to an applicant that has not identified an end user for the water. Such permit shall not allow the withdrawal of water until an end user has been identified and the permittee has provided a report containing information on the need for and proposed use of the surface water, a description of the raw water intake, and other information. The bill provides that once the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approves the report, the permittee shall request a permit modification. The bill also provides that no potential withdrawal amount of any provisional surface water permit shall be used in the calculation of available water when assessing a subsequent surface water withdrawal application in the provisional permit's affected stream reach if the provisional permit has not been modified; DEQ and the subsequent surface water withdrawal permit applicant have found the use of the provisional surface water permit withdrawal to be inappropriate; and the provisional surface water permit holder has failed, within 30 days of a request by DEQ, to provide an update indicating the status of its efforts to identify and secure an end user and stating that an end user will be secured within 12 months.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.