

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB643

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

**2. Patron:** Hurst

**3. Committee:** Passed the House

**4. Title:** Pipeline construction; certification requirement; minimum diameter; stop work orders.

**5. Summary:** Reduces from 36 inches to 24 inches the minimum inside diameter measurement of a natural gas transmission pipeline for which (i) an additional upland activity certification is required to obtain a Clean Water Act Certification; (ii) an individual Virginia Water Protection Permit rather than a general permit is required to conduct activities in wetlands or state waters; and (iii) a stop work order can be issued following an inspection by the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill authorizes the State Water Control Board, in addition to the Department, to issue such stop work orders and adds requirements and restrictions on any further construction once such an order is issued.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) anticipates an indeterminate revenue and expenditure impact to the water permitting program as a result of this bill. An indeterminate increase in the number of projects to be permitted will result in a commensurate increase in program activity and revenues.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.