

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1291

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

2. **Patron:** Mason

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Virginia Water Protection Permit; withdrawal of surface water or ground water.

5. **Summary:** Requires that any application for a permit to withdraw surface water or ground water include a water auditing plan and a leak detection and repair plan that comply with regulations adopted by the State Water Control Board pursuant to the provisions of the bill.

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 (DEQ) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Any potential fiscal impact to state agencies that may apply for water withdrawal permits is pending. According to DEQ, agencies that currently have water withdrawal permits include the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Veterans Services, and Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; state agencies that apply for certain water withdrawal permits.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.