

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB577

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: Convirs-Fowler

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Department of Environmental Quality; inventory of stormwater systems in the Commonwealth.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Environmental Quality, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and local and regional governments, to (i) inventory and compile a master list of stormwater systems in the Commonwealth and (ii) review and document the impact of flooding on such systems. The bill requires the Department of Environmental Quality to report the master list and the result of its review to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by December 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) states that the agency currently compiles a master list of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) installed within the Chesapeake Bay watershed for reporting to the U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office. This master list is not geographically comprehensive and does not include all components of a stormwater system as required by the inventory required in the bill. According to DEQ, neither DEQ nor the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) have the expertise to conduct the required inventory nor that to conduct an inventory of all stormwater systems in the Commonwealth the agency would have to contract with a private engineering and surveying firm to collect the necessary as-built field information. DEQ is aware of one instance of similar work in the City of Virginia Beach, for which the locality spent in excess of \$1.0 million. Using this instance as reference, DEQ estimates the cost to complete this work in 133 localities in the Commonwealth could be approximately \$133 million which the agency does not have the ability to absorb within existing resources.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation does not anticipate incurring a fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Conservation and Recreation; localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.