

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1160

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Passed the Senate

4. Title: Marine Resources Commission and local wetlands boards; permit applications; public notice.

5. Summary: Requires notices to the public for certain permit hearings relating to fisheries and habitat of the tidal waters to be posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and eliminates provisions in current law that require such notices to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected localities. The bill allows the Marine Resources Commission or a local wetlands board to email notice of a certain public hearing to any applicant for such permit and any other parties interested in such application and also requires such notice to be posted on the Commission or board's website at least 14 days prior to such hearing. Provides that in the event that the board submits a correct and timely notice for publication and the newspaper fails to publish it or publishes the notice incorrectly, the board is deemed to have met requirements so long as the notice is published in the next available edition of such newspaper. The bill also requires localities that have adopted a coastal primary sand dune or wetlands zoning ordinance to amend any such ordinance to conform with 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 Marine Resources Commission as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission; localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.