

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1320

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Sherwood

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Dam safety.**

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the approval of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, to award grants from the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund to local governments and private entities for dam break analysis, the mapping and digitization of dam break inundation zones, and incremental damage analysis. Currently, only local governments are eligible to receive grants. The bill also establishes the Dam Safety Administrative Fund, which is funded with moneys from the dam application permit fees. The moneys in the fund are to be used for administration of the dam safety program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill expands the authority of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to make grants from the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund for costs related to dam safety management. This fund is managed by the Virginia Resources Authority, in accordance with DCR.

This bill would allow for grants from the fund to be made to local governments and private entities for dam break analysis and incremental damage analysis (previously grants were only made for the mapping and digitization of dam break inundation zones). This bill does not create additional cost obligations for the Commonwealth, but only expands the uses for the funding in the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund.

In addition, this bill establishes the Dam Safety Administrative Fund, to consist of dam safety permit application fees; this fee revenue is already collected and currently deposited to the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund. These fees are to be used for the administration of the dam safety program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Resources Authority, localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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