

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB964

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:** Northam

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

**4. Title:** Marine Resources Commission; Virginia Institute of Marine Science; coastal resource management.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Marine Resources Commission to establish and implement a general permit regulation that authorizes and encourages the use of living shorelines as the preferred alternative for stabilizing tidal shorelines. The Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and with technical assistance from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), shall also develop integrated guidance for the management of tidal shoreline systems for the regulatory entities with authority over shoreline management projects. VIMS shall also develop comprehensive coastal resource management guidance for local governments. Those localities in Tidewater Virginia must incorporate such guidance at the next scheduled review of their comprehensive plan.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The passage of this bill will only have a minimal fiscal impact to the Marine Resources Commission and Department of Conservation and Recreation that both agencies are willing to absorb. However, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) foresees a fiscal impact of approximately \$150,000; VIMS is willing to absorb this cost by way of redirecting some of their programmatic efforts from external research activities and other state advisory work. By redirecting efforts from seeking externally funded research projects however, it is likely to result in an indeterminate loss in revenue to VIMS.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission (MRC), Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/20/2011