

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1279

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

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Consolidation of water quality programs.

5. Summary: This bill moves several water quality programs currently administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Department of Environmental Quality. The Department of Environmental Quality and the State Water Control Board will have oversight of water quality planning and laws dealing with stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board will have continuing responsibility for oversight of the soil and water conservation districts and of resource management planning. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board will continue to be responsible for administration of the flood prevention and dam safety laws. The Board will continue to be staffed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, the bill contains an enactment clause that authorizes the agencies to administratively transfer appropriation and positions associated with these programs.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation indicate that this action is budget neutral and do not expect any short-term savings with the transfer of functions. Some general administrative functions and related funding have yet to be finalized. The bill does require the Secretary of Natural Resources to report to the legislature the nature and extent of the transfer 30 days prior to any execution.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB2048 is the companion bill.

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