Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: SB880
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron: Deeds, R. C.
3.	Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
4.	Title: Inventory of nontidal waters that are available for public recreation.
5.	Summary: This bill directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (MRC) to cooperatively inventory nontidal waters that flow above state-owned bottomlands and that may be used by the public for recreation. The bill prohibits an agency decision regarding the listing of particular waters from constituting a legal determination or affecting land ownership.
6.	Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See #8.
8.	Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact estimate of this bill is preliminary. According to both DGIF and MRC, it is likely that this legislation will require additional resources in terms of both staff and funding to catalog the bodies of water. Activities may include conducting surveys, field work, and the development of a database and/or tracking system for the data. However, no definitive figures are available at this time.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Virginia Marine Resources Commission.
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
11.	. Other Comments: None.
	Date: 1/17/13

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