

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1124

House of Origin	X	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: Orrock

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Liability of owners or operators of dams.

5. Summary: Requires the owner of a dam, prior to decommissioning the dam or conveying ownership of the dam or to a third party, to notify the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the transfer in accordance with the Virginia Impounding Structure Regulations requirements. Also, the bill states that the Commonwealth is not deemed an owner of a dam because the State provided or provides assistance toward the maintenance or repair of the dam.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, this bill has no State fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Conservation and Recreation, and owners/operators of dams.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Absent this proposed requirement, the Commonwealth may find itself fiscally responsible for decommissioning (breaching) a dam to ensure public safety.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources