

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1924

**House of Origin**    X    Introduced        Substitute        Engrossed  
**Second House**        In Committee        Substitute        Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Hodges

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

**4. Title:**         Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee established.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (the Committee) to assist the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in developing, revising, and implementing a management strategy for ground water in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. The bill prohibits the State Water Control Board and the DEQ from taking any actions that require reductions in the volume of permitted ground water withdrawals until the report of the Committee is presented to the State Water Commission. The bill has a sunset date of January 1, 2018.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill establishes the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (the Committee) to assist the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in developing, revising, and implementing a management strategy for ground water. The committee shall be composed of nonlegislative citizen members that shall not receive compensation for their service or reimbursement for expenses. According to DEQ, there could be some expenditure increase due to management of the committee, but any anticipated fiscal impact could be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Environmental Quality, and localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 02/02/2015 /jlm  
cc: Secretary of Natural Resources