

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1317-S1

**House of Origin**   ☐ Introduced      ☒ Substitute      ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**      ☒ In Committee   ☐ Substitute      ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:**          Lewis

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

4. **Title:**            Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund.

5. **Summary:** Establishes the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund for the purpose of creating a low-interest loan program to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding. Moneys from the Fund may be used to mitigate future flood damage. The Department of Emergency Management will establish guidelines regarding the distribution of the loans from the Fund and the prioritization of loans. The Virginia Resource Authority shall manage the Fund and establish interest rates and repayment terms of loans that are provided.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. See item 8, below.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The state fiscal impact is indeterminate since the Fund consists of such monies that are appropriated to it by the General Assembly, and demand for loans from the Fund is unknown. Under the provisions of the bill, the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) may disburse from the Fund its expenses in the administration of the program.

According to information received from the Department of Emergency Management, there could be some additional expenditures resulting from this bill, but it is anticipated that any fiscal impact could be absorbed within existing resources.

A budget amendment is necessary to capitalize the Fund. VRA is not a state agency, and as such any state funding for VRA's programs is appropriated in a state agency, which then transfers the funding to VRA. An example is the Dam Safety, Flood prevention and Protection Assistance Fund and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Resources Authority, the Department of Emergency Management, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and localities.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources