

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB734

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: Hope

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Noxious weeds.

5. Summary: This bill establishes an advisory committee to evaluate the risks of a plant or part thereof that is being considered for designation as a noxious weed. The bill requires the advisory committee to assess the plant's (i) impact on water bodies, other plants, livestock, land, public health, the environment, and the economy and (ii) current and potential in-state commercial viability. The bill exempts from the definition of noxious weed any plant whose in-state production is commercially viable.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.