

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 903

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Delegate Stolle

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Establish requirements for the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency

5. Summary: This bill requires the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency (CCRFR), a collaborative partnership involving the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), Old Dominion University (ODU), and the College of William and Mary's Virginia Coastal Policy Center (CWMVCPC), to serve, advise, and support the Commonwealth by conducting interdisciplinary studies and investigations, as well as provide training, technical and nontechnical services, and outreach in the area of recurrent flooding and resilience research to Virginia and its political subdivisions. This bill also encourages all state agencies, political subdivisions, and authorities to contact the CCRFR regarding matters of information, data, and services in order to improve methods of data sharing, efficiency, and resilience.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Section 8)

7a. Expenditure Impact:

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (268)

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$0	0.00	GF
2017	\$426,841	3.15	GF
2018	\$432,894	3.15	GF
2019	\$432,894	3.15	GF
2020	\$432,894	3.15	GF
2021	\$432,894	3.15	GF
2022	\$432,894	3.15	GF

Old Dominion University (221)

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$465,100	4.00	GF
2017	\$409,200	4.00	GF

2018	\$409,200	4.00	GF
2019	\$409,200	4.00	GF
2020	\$409,200	4.00	GF
2021	\$409,200	4.00	GF
2022	\$409,200	4.00	GF

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The Governor's introduced 2016-2018 biennium budget provides funding and positions to support the CCRFR's mission for adapting current coastal zone planning to sea level rise, assuring prospective investors, businesses, and residents that coastal Virginia is a viable, long-term location for continued economic expansion; and working with municipalities both along the coast and throughout the Commonwealth to develop useful resilience strategies.

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (268)

The introduced budget provides \$426,841 (GF) and 3.15 positions in FY 2017 and \$432,894 (GF) and 3.15 positions in FY 2018 for research on sea level rise and state-of-the art storm surge modeling, as well as the subcontracting of the CWMVCPC to conduct policy and legal analyses of stakeholder-driven adaptation responses to sea level rise. Funding would support percentages of services provided by a non-tenure eligible faculty member, a post-doctoral research fellow, a research scientist, and two support staff. These positions would assist in creating a network of coastal regions for planning and emergency response processes, as well as planning more effective short-term emergency responses and long-term planning and decision-making.

Old Dominion University (221)

The introduced budget provides \$465,100 (GF) and four positions – three full-time administrative faculty and one full-time classified staff - in FY 2017 and \$409,200 (GF) and the four positions in FY 2018 for the university's expertise in modeling socioeconomic impacts of recurrent flooding. The administrative faculty positions would be filled by researchers with expertise in analyzing multiple sources of data pertaining to recurrent flooding and producing usable data for planners, emergency responders, the private sector, etc. Two of these positions would also serve as director and assistant director of the CCRFR. The classified position would provide technical support for data integration and management.

As long as the funding for the CCRFR is not reduced from the budgeted amounts, VIMS, ODU, and the CWMVCPC should be able to implement this legislation's requirements.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Old Dominion University, the College of William and Mary in Virginia, state agencies, political subdivisions, and authorities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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c: Secretary of Education