

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB254

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: DeSteph

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Oyster grounds; Virginia Marine Resources Commission; Lynnhaven River.

5. Summary: Suspends until July 1, 2017, the assignment of general oyster grounds or transfer of any assigned oyster grounds in the Lynnhaven River or its tributaries.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Marine Resources Commission.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB640. HB640 directs the Marine Resources Commission to place a six-month moratorium beginning July 1, 2016, and ending January 1, 2017, on oyster leases in Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay in the City of Virginia Beach for the purpose of planting or propagating oysters. HB640 also directs the Commission to notify all riparian landowners in Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay of their statutory right to lease oyster grounds in the waters abutting their property. Additionally, the Commission may notify all recreational users of waters and riparian landowners in Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay of the laws governing the leasing of oyster planting grounds through a notice published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.