

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB307

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Beach restoration; expedited permit.

5. Summary: Directs the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, in conjunction with affected state and federal agencies, to develop an expedited process for issuing a permit for emergency activities to restore sand to any publicly owned beach damaged by sand erosion. To qualify for restoration, the erosion shall have been caused by a discrete, identifiable weather event or sequence of events that threatened public or private property or public health and safety and was the subject of a declaration of emergency by the Governor or the governing body of the locality in which the project is located. The bill exempts the development of the permit from certain provisions of the Administrative Process Act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Habitat Management Division in the Marine Resources Commission conducts the review process for environmental permits including local, state, and federal statutes governing the disturbance or alteration of environmental resources. It is anticipated that any expenditure impact to the Marine Resources Commission for an expedited process can be absorbed with existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB327, as introduced.