

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1680

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bloxom

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

**4. Title:** Marine Resources Commission; advisory committees.

**5. Summary:** Establishes four new advisory committees to make recommendations to the Marine Resources Commission on issues relating to the management of, respectively, crab, finfish, shellfish, and habitat. The bill also reorganizes two existing advisory boards that deal with commercial fishing and recreational fishing, respectively, and one existing advisory committee that deals with the Virginia Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament. Each of the seven committees and boards is composed of nine members appointed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources, of whom one is an associate commissioner and eight are citizen members drawn from a list of nominees submitted by interested organizations. Finally, the bill adds two members to the Fishery Resource Grant Advisory Board, one of whom is an associate commissioner. The provisions of the bill establishing the four new committees expire on July 1, 2020.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Marine Resources Commission (MRC). Members of the committees will receive reimbursement for their actual expenses. MRC can absorb the impact of this bill as the agency has similar committees that are already set up and budgeted funds to pay for committee members travel expenses.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.