

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1680

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<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 includes technical changes for the two existing advisory boards that deal with commercial fishing and recreational fishing, respectively, and an existing advisory committee that deals with the Virginia Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament; the existing advisory board for fishery resource grants does not include technical changes. Each of the eight committees and boards is composed of members appointed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources, of whom citizen members are drawn from a list of nominees submitted by interested organizations, and of whom three committees include associate commissioners. Once appointed, no member of the eight committees and boards will be removed during his term of membership except for malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetence, or gross neglect of duty. 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.