

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1796

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: Stolle

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Oyster ground lease; certain dredging projects.

5. Summary: Provides that oyster ground leaseholders are subject to the right of navigation in navigable waters located in the Lynnhaven River or its creeks and tributaries, including approved dredging projects designed to improve, deepen, or restore navigation channels in areas approved by the Marine Resources Commission (MRC). The bill provides that when a person conducting such dredging cannot avoid active oyster beds, he shall relocate at its sole cost the oyster material that would be disturbed or, if required by the applicable MRC permit, pay the leaseholder for any loss of oysters in production in an amount to be determined by agreement of the parties.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated 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: None.