

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1398

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

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Coal combustion residuals unit; closure permit; assessments required.

5. Summary: Prohibits the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from issuing a draft permit for the closure of a coal combustion residuals surface impoundment unit (CCR unit) that is located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed until he has reviewed an assessment of closure options prepared by the owner or operator of the CCR unit. The bill requires the owner or operator to identify water pollution and address corrective measures to resolve it, evaluate the clean closure of the CCR unit by recycling the ash for use in cement or moving it to a landfill, and demonstrate the long-term safety of the CCR unit and its ability to keep ash out of wetlands and other sensitive areas. The bill requires the owner or operator of each CCR unit to transmit the required assessments to DEQ and the Department of Conservation and Recreation and to identify a CCR unit that would be a suitable site for an ash processing facility. The Director of DEQ is required to receive comments on the assessments. DCR is to provide any comments to DEQ within the comment period.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact to the Departments of Environmental Quality or Conservation and Recreation can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Departments of Environmental Quality or Conservation and Recreation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.