

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1110

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Yancey

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Urban farming; promotion.

5. Summary: This bill directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations to promote, in cooperation with the Department of Education, the Virginia Farm Bureau, and the Virginia Municipal League, urban farming. The bill requires the regulations to create educational programs, support agricultural education, provide technical assistance, support the marketing of products grown on urban farms, encourage local collaboration, and promote urban farming to students.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, to Item 88 of HB30/SB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	n/a	n/a	n/a
2019	\$102,749	1	GF
2020	\$102,749	1	GF
2021	\$102,749	1	GF
2022	\$102,749	1	GF
2023	\$102,749	1	GF
2024	\$102,749	1	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the bill will have an expenditure impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). The bill will require an additional staff person in the Division of Marketing to develop and implement the urban farming regulations and programs as outlined in the legislation. The estimated cost of the position is \$102,749, including salary, fringe benefits, travel, supplies, and information technology. According to the department, current staff cannot absorb the additional workload required to implement the provisions of this bill. The Department of Education does not anticipate a fiscal impact related to this bill.

Currently, VDACS promotes development of Virginia agriculture and marketing of Virginia's agricultural products in urban and rural communities using tools such as the agricultural trademark programs, Virginia's Finest and Virginia Grown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Department of Education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.