

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1206

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

2. **Patron:** Cline

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

4. **Title:** State Water Control Board; Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; online notice system.

5. **Summary:** This bill directs the State Water Control Board (the Board) to provide an online system for detailed public notice related to Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permits.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 366 HB30/SB30 – See Item 8 below.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$0	0	General Fund
2019	\$345,000	1	General Fund
2020	\$95,000	1	General Fund
2021	\$95,000	1	General Fund
2022	\$95,000	1	General Fund
2023	\$95,000	1	General Fund
2024	\$95,000	1	General Fund

**7b. Revenue Impact:** None.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Under the provisions of this bill, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required to expand the scope of its public notification requirements. DEQ estimates that the expenditure impact as a result of this measure (see Table 7a) will include development and maintenance of such system. A contractor for one year is required to develop the system at an estimated cost of \$250,000. One FTE at a cost of \$95,000 per year is necessary to maintain the system on an ongoing basis.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

11. **Other Comments:** DEQ's water division currently offers a news feed through which members of the public can sign up to receive email notification of public notices of draft water division permits, which includes VPDES permits. However, this news feed does not

have the capability to allow members of the public to sign up for individual email notifications about specific VPDES permits.