

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1237

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: Wilt

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Beehive distribution program.

5. Summary: Changes the process for the granting of basic beehive units by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) from a first-come, first-served process to one based on merit, and limits applicants to three beehive units per household per year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact. The bill does not provide guidance on the structure of the merit based system for beehive distribution. At this time, because the details of the merit system of distribution are unknown, the cost of evaluating each application cannot be determined. The Code of Virginia authorizes VDACS to use funds from the Beehive Grant Fund to pay for the costs associated with administering the beehive distribution program. Additional costs to administer the program will reduce the number of beehive units that can be distributed.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.