

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1509

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

2. Patron: McQuinn

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Food Access Investment Program and Fund.

5. Summary: Creates the Virginia Food Access Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities. The provisions require the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish an Equitable Food Oriented Development stakeholder work group to develop recommendations for design elements for the program. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill establishes a new fund and grant program referred to as the Virginia Food Access Investment Program. To capitalize the fund and make it operational, a budget amendment will be required. Both the House and Senate provide funding for this program, including administrative expenses, in their respective budget amendments to HB30/SB30. The House provides \$5.8 million from the general fund in FY 2021, while the Senate provides \$611,805 from the general fund in FY 2021, and one position in FY 2021 and FY 2022.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to administer this program. VDACS shall select and work in collaboration with a community development financial institution that provides credit and financial services for underserved communities (CDFI) to assist in administering the program. The bill provides that up to 10 percent of the moneys in the Fund may be designated for the CDFI's administrative and operations costs to assist in administering and managing the program; the bill does not authorize VDACS to charge administrative costs.

The scope of the program is unknown as a source of funding has not been identified; however, VDACS estimates that to administer this new program in conjunction with staff assistance from the CDFI, at least one position will be required at an annual cost of \$111,805, including benefits and operating expenses.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB1073 is the companion to this bill.