

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB963

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: Webert

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Bear damaging crops; kill permit.

5. Summary: This bill requires the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to authorize the killing of bear when they are found to be responsible for damaging crops, including during a harvest. The bill prohibits the Director from authorizing nonlethal control measures unless they are specifically requested by the owner or lessee of the land where the crop damage occurred.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill may result in a nominal increase in revenue for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, as kill permits are issued on a limited basis.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.