

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB843

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

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Stormwater and erosion and sediment control; acceptance of plans in lieu of plan review.

5. Summary: Authorizes the State Water Control Board or the Department of Environmental Quality, in its administration of a Virginia Stormwater Management Program, Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program, or Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program, to choose to accept a set of plans and supporting calculations for any land-disturbing activity determined to be de minimus using a risk-based approach established by the Board. The bill provides that such plans and supporting calculations shall satisfy the requirement that the Board or the Department retain a certified plan reviewer or conduct a plan review. The bill also directs the Board to adopt implementing regulations and provides requirements for the process of adoption.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) can develop risk-based plan review criteria for its Stormwater Management, Erosion and Stormwater Management, and Erosion and Sediment Control programs using existing resources. DEQ currently employs eight full-time plan reviewers for stormwater and sediment control. After development of the risk-based criteria as described in this bill, DEQ anticipates an indeterminate reduction in plan review workload which will allow the agency to shift program capacity to high-priority projects in order to ensure completion within the statutory and regulatory timeframes.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.