

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB883

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:** Locke

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Virginia Council on Environmental Justice.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice, consisting of 27 members, to advise the Governor and provide recommendations intended to protect vulnerable communities from disproportionate impacts of pollution and provide such communities meaningful involvement in the decision-making process. The bill provides that 21 members of the Council are appointed by the Governor and six are specified Cabinet Secretaries.

The second enactment clause specifies the staggering of initial appointments of nonlegislative members of the Council.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill establishes an advisory council in the executive branch to be staffed by the Office of the Governor and the Secretary of Natural Resources. Members of the Board will not receive compensation but will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses. The bill specifies that these reimbursements will be paid by the Secretary of Natural Resources and it is anticipated that these costs can be absorbed within current resources. In addition, the bill also authorizes the Council to accept and expend gifts, grants, or donations it may receive in order to carry out its objectives.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Governor; Secretaries of Natural Resources, Commerce and Trade, Agriculture and Forestry, Health and Human Resources, Education, and Transportation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** HB1042 is the companion to this bill.