

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1390

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ballard

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Fires; negligence, recovery of costs of firefighting.

5. Summary: Allows localities to collect the costs of firefighting from any person who negligently or intentionally without using reasonable care and precaution starts a fire or who negligently or intentionally fails to attempt to prevent its escape when such fire burns on any forestland, brushland, grassland, or wasteland. Current law allows localities to collect the costs of firefighting only when a person intentionally starts a fire and fails to attempt to prevent its escape when such fire burns on any forestland, brushland, grassland, or wasteland.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill would not result in a fiscal impact to any state agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forestry, Office of the Attorney General, all Cities and Counties

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None