

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1548

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Campbell, J.L.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Aerial pesticide application; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Requires any commercial applicator or private applicator of pesticides who uses fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft for the aerial application of such pesticides to any lands lying west of the Blue Ridge Mountains to submit the following information to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services no less than seven days prior to such application: (i) the location of such proposed application, (ii) the date and time of such proposed application, and (iii) the brand name or common product name of the pesticide to be used in such proposed application. The bill provides that any commercial applicator or private applicator who violates the provisions of the bill shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense and \$2,500 for each additional offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). The number of aerial applications that will be reported to VDACS as required by the bill is not known. The amount of revenue the department may collect in civil penalties is unknown and will depend on the number of violations and whether those violations are first or subsequent offenses. Any such revenue will be deposited to the Pesticide Control Fund.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None