

**Department of Planning and Budget
2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB2096H1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Bulova

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Noxious weeds; invasive plant species.

5. Summary: Removes the provision in current law that prohibits the movement, transportation, delivery, shipment, or offering for shipment of any noxious weed into or within the Commonwealth without a permit from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services and grants the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services the authority to adopt regulations governing the conditions under which a permit will be required for such actions. The bill also adds requirements related to invasive plant species, including directing the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to create an invasive plant species list and update it quadrennially. Additionally requires the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop and adopt regulations related to tradespersons proposing or installing plants that are included on the list of invasive plants

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: *This second revised fiscal impact statement reflects updated estimates from DCR.*

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services anticipates that any costs that result from this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

The Department of Conservation and Resources can implement the provisions of this bill within current resources. The increased responsibilities of DCR in its leadership role for the Invasive Species Working Group (ISWG) and the Invasive Species Management Plan development, implementation, and support to partners may require additional resources in the future depending on the level of implementation of any ISWG recommendations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None