

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1149

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

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Passed the Senate.

4. Title: Plans and programs; drought evaluation and response plans; Potomac River.

5. Summary: Requires that, when preparing drought evaluation and response plans and in adopting regulations designating regional planning areas based on water supply sources, the State Water Control Board (the Board) recognize the localities that include any portion of the service area of a water supply utility in the Commonwealth that uses the Potomac River as a water supply source as a distinct drought evaluation region. The bill requires the Board to incorporate certain provisions of the Metropolitan Washington Water Supply and Drought Awareness Response Plan: Potomac River System (2000), including provisions related to triggers, actions, and messages for the Potomac River drought evaluation region. Provisions in this bill shall not be construed to limit the authority of the Governor during a declared drought emergency.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; State Water Control Board; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.