

## Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1348

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Mason

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**            Administrative Process Act; Department of Wildlife Resources; exemptions not to extend to agency.

**5. Summary:** Excludes from the exemptions from the Administrative Process Act granted to the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) certain regulations and case decisions of the Department. The bill provides that certain guidance documents in use DWR as of July 1, 2023, shall expire on December 31, 2023, unless such documents are filed for publication with the Virginia Registrar of Regulations by August 1, 2023, and made available for public comment as prescribed in the Administrative Process Act by December 31, 2023.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that the provisions of this bill may impact workload and costs for staffing, printing, and publishing within the department. However, DWR anticipates that any expenditure impact that the department may incur as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. The Department of Environmental Quality and the Marine Resources Commission can absorb any expenditure impact that may result from this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Wildlife Resources; Department of Environmental Quality; Marine Resources Commission.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to HB2101.