

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1135

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

2. Patron: Hodges

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; blue catfish work group; report.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders in order to support and encourage coordination regarding efforts to create a robust and resilient market for blue catfish. The work group shall (i) review past and ongoing efforts to promote the creation of a market for blue catfish, (ii) identify and explore potential sectors for the blue catfish market, and (iii) identify any actions that the Commonwealth can take to promote and expand the market for blue catfish. The Department shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the work group to the Governor, the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, and relevant committees of the General Assembly no later than September 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the Marine Resources Commission, Department of Corrections, Virginia Department of Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Virginia Institute of Marine Science could absorb any impact from the passage of this legislation within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission, Department of Corrections, Virginia Department of Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None