

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1135H1

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: Hodges

3. Committee: Appropriations

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

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in collaboration with certain stakeholders, to convene a work group to evaluate strategies to reduce the negative ecological effects of blue catfish and to increase the sales, processing, and marketing of blue catfish. The bill requires the work group to (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 bill requires the Department to 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 the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than September 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. 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: This bill is the companion to SB402.