

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB320

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

**2. Patron:** Bulova

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Pesticide control exemptions; herbicide applications by unpaid volunteers.

**5. Summary:** Exempts from the provisions of state pesticide laws and regulations any unpaid volunteer who uses or supervises the use of any nonrestricted herbicide with the express authorization of a local political subdivision for the sole purpose of controlling invasive plants or noxious weeds on properties owned by such local political subdivision. The bill provides that such unpaid volunteer shall use such herbicide under the direct supervision of a certified applicator and the local political subdivision shall provide instruction to the unpaid volunteer prior to application on (i) the risks associated with the herbicide utilized, (ii) the proper use of equipment used to apply the herbicide, (iii) other information to prevent an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment, and (iv) any other information relevant to the specific herbicide utilized.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the passage of this legislation. The cost of direct supervision would be borne by localities and may decline over time, as one certified applicator could supervise one or more volunteers.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None