

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1029

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: Tran

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Wildlife Corridor Grant Fund; established; report.

5. Summary: Establishes the Wildlife Corridor Grant Fund to provide grants for projects that reduce vehicle crashes involving wildlife and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic wildlife. High priority projects as set forth in the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan will be funded. The Director of the Department of Wildlife Resources is directed to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1 of each year concerning funding of the Fund and award of grants from the Fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8, below.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: A budget amendment will be needed to capitalize the Fund. The bill directs the Departments of Transportation, Forestry, Conservation and Recreation, and Wildlife Resources to seek public and private resources for the Fund, including applying for funding through the federal Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program

It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Departments of Wildlife Resources, Forestry, and Conservation and Recreation as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Information is not currently available regarding any potential fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation; Department of Forestry; Department of Conservation and Recreation; and Department of Wildlife Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.