

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1261

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

2. Patron: Bloxom

3. Committee: Passed the House

4. Title: State environmental boards.

5. Summary: Provides for appointment of members to the State Air Pollution Control Board, the Virginia Waste Management Board, and the State Water Control Board by the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Currently, all members of such boards are appointed by the Governor. The bill provides that the authority of such boards does not include the authority to issue any environmental permit, or abridge or deny any environmental permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The bill also limits the authority of the State Air Pollution Control Board and the State Water Control Board to the promulgation of regulations, including general permit regulations, and assigns the authority to issue, reissue, amend, or deny any environmental permit to the Director DEQ, subject to regulations adopted by the boards. Finally, the bill provides that any permits or orders issued by the Air Pollution Control Board or the State Water Control Board prior to the effective date of the act are to continue in full force and are enforceable by DEQ.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; State Water Control Board; Virginia Waste Management Board; State Air Pollution Control Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.