

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB669

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:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Public pools; regulations.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa, and provides that localities may adopt ordinances governing swimming pools that are more stringent than regulations adopted by the Board. The bill directs the Board to convene a stakeholder work group to provide recommendations related to regulations required to be adopted pursuant to the bill. Such work group is required by the bill to report its findings and recommendations to the Board by November 1, 2023.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact this bill would have on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) cannot be fully determined. The bill requires that VDH shall adopt regulations and convene a stakeholder group composed of representatives of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Healthy Swimming Program, municipal parks and recreations departments, and injury and illness prevention experts, to provide recommendations for safety and health standards for recreational swimming facilities.

VDH does not have sufficient resources to support additional regulatory responsibilities based on a preliminary review of the current regulatory scheme and costs associated with the administration of the current standards for pools associated with tourist establishments. VDH estimates the number of new facilities that will fall under the jurisdiction of the proposed regulations may range from a few hundred to several thousand. It is estimated that additional classified full time employees will be required to conduct inspections, provide education and outreach to providers and the public, and for enforcement if so required by the regulations. The number of positions required and associated costs are indeterminate at this time. Estimates will depend on the requirements of the new regulations as recommended by the workgroup. VDH has stated it will seek appropriate levels of funding during the regulatory review process.

Any impact on the Department of Housing and Community development to be a part of the workgroup can be handled within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health and local municipality pool facilities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.