

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB726

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

**2. Patron:** Pillion

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** Slaughter and meat-processing facilities.

**5. Summary:** Establishes that it is the policy of the General Assembly to encourage, expand, and develop slaughter and meat-processing facilities through strategic planning and financial incentive programs. The bill directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop a five-year strategic plan to increase total combined throughput capacity of slaughter and meat-processing facilities.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) can absorb any costs incurred in developing the required strategic plan within existing resources. Currently, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the VDACS Office of Meat and Poultry Services (OMPS) inspects meat and poultry slaughter and processing establishments in Virginia. Additionally, the department manages and administers the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID). This program provides grants to localities and other political subdivisions to support economic development related to agriculture and forestry, including facilities such as those used for processing and packaging meats..

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** HB830 is the companion to this bill.