

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1373

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Hodges

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Flood Resiliency Clearing House Program.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to develop a Flood Resiliency Clearing House Program for coordinating flood mitigation solutions. The bill requires the Clearing House to solicit flood mitigation solutions from the public; coordinate with other agencies to review submitted solutions; approve appropriate solutions, favoring those that manage both water quality and flooding and emphasize nature-based solutions; and disseminate approved flood mitigation solutions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes to Item 373 of HB30/SB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021	\$164,793	1	GF
2022	\$164,793	1	GF
2023	\$164,793	1	GF
2024	\$164,793	1	GF
2025	\$164,793	1	GF
2026	\$164,793	1	GF

7b. Revenue Impact: N/A

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) establish a Clearing House for coordinating flood mitigation solutions. DCR anticipates that this bill will require the addition of one classified flood plain planner position at a cost of \$114,793 who would be responsible for the development and maintenance of the Clearinghouse. Currently, the agency has two full-time flood positions dedicated to floodplain management activities. The introduced budget provides funding for two additional positions; however, these positions are required to address existing workloads, including technical assistance requests and outreach activities which continue to increase. As such, the agency does not believe that the work associated with this bill can be absorbed. Additionally, funding will be required for IT development and management of the Clearing House. Based on costs the agency incurs to host the Virginia Dam Safety Inventory System, DCR estimates IT costs of approximately \$50,000 per year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.