

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB530

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

2. **Patron:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act; local government ordinances; criteria for local governments.

5. **Summary:** Amends the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act to require the State Water Control Board, in developing criteria for local governments to use as they consider development in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas, to allow use and development of land that is reasonable in the circumstances and does not deprive the owner of all economically viable use of the property. The bill also requires a locality subject to the Act to provide exclusive authority in its implementing ordinance to the local governing body and certain boards and commissions of the locality to grant exceptions to any land development within a Resource Protection Area, as defined by the State Water Control Board, or expanded by the locality in accordance with such rules of the Board. The bill allows any adjacent or otherwise affected property owner to seek certain equitable remedies against the locality in the appropriate circuit court.

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; localities; Courts.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.