

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB337

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area; continued residential withdrawals.

5. Summary: Directs the State Water Control Board to waive the expiration of any ground water withdrawal permit for a well that serves exclusively residential users, is located in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area north of the Occoquan River and is located within five miles of any commercial or industrial permitted ground water withdrawal. The bill provides that such waiver shall continue in force until the commercial or industrial permitted ground water withdrawals have been halted for five years. The Department of Environmental Quality shall then assess whether the termination of the commercial or industrial permitted ground water withdrawals has substantially mitigated the stress upon the aquifer and redetermine whether the permit for the residential well shall be renewed.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. According to DEQ, this bill may impact the cities of Fairfax and Alexandria.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; State Water Control Board; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.