

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB402

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

2. **Patron:** Stuart

3. **Committee:** Passed both houses

4. **Title:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; blue catfish work group; report.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders in order to support and encourage coordination regarding efforts to create a robust and resilient market for blue catfish. The workgroup shall (i) review past and ongoing efforts to promote the creation of a market for blue catfish, (ii) identify and explore potential sectors for the blue catfish market, and (iii) identify any actions that the Commonwealth can take to promote and expand the market for blue catfish. The Department shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the work group to the Governor, the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, and relevant committees of the General Assembly no later than September 1, 2025.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that the Marine Resources Commission, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Corrections, Virginia Department of Education, and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services could absorb any impact from the passage of this legislation within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Corrections, Virginia Department of Education, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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

11. **Other Comments:** None