

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB354

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

2. **Patron:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Health and Human Services

4. **Title:** Public pools; regulations.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use, including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). In determining the necessary regulations, VDH will incorporate recommendations from a stakeholder group composed of various members of industry, academia, and local/state government to establish safety and health standards for recreational swimming facilities. VDH reviewed the current regulations and administration costs of the current standards for pools associated with tourist establishments and concluded that the agency does not have sufficient staffing as currently funded to support additional regulatory responsibilities. VDH estimates the number of new facilities that will fall under the jurisdiction of the proposed regulations may range from a few hundred to several thousand (but under ten thousand). Additional classified full-time employees will be required to conduct inspections, provide education and outreach to providers and the public, and for enforcement if required by the regulations. The number of positions required, and the related costs are indeterminate at this time, and will depend on the requirements of the new regulations. VDH will seek appropriate levels of funding during the regulatory review process.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Department of Health.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.