

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB851

Patron: Diggs

Bill Title: Local ordinances for the use of certain rainwater harvesting systems.

Bill Summary: Provides that existing local ordinances adopted prior to July 1, 2025, governing rainwater harvesting systems, shall continue in force; however, in the event of a conflict between a Board of Health regulation and a local ordinance adopted prior to July 1, 2025, the Board regulation shall govern, except when the conflicting local ordinance is more stringent. The bill prohibits a locality from adopting any local ordinance requiring owners of Tier 4 rainwater harvesting systems to connect to any municipal water supply or impose any penalty, including condemnation proceedings, on such owner for failing to connect to a municipal water supply.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: None.

Explanation: The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated impact to state resources resulting from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health. The legislation seeks to clarify the process for when state regulations conflict with local ordinances.

Other: None.