

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB506

**Patron:** McAuliff

**Bill Title:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; animal slaughterhouse; report.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a work group composed of relevant stakeholders to consider the benefits, feasibility, and impact of an additional animal slaughterhouse located in Northern Virginia and to submit a report of the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than December 1, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**Items Impacted:** N/A

**Explanation:** This bill involves the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section below.

**Fiscal Summary:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact this bill may have on VDACS can be absorbed within existing resources.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This impact statement is preliminary. This bill would likely lead to an increase in costs for the required work group, but it is anticipated that VDACS can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

**Other:** None.