Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1110H1 **Patron:** Hodges
Bill Title: Blue catfish; Marine Products Board to establish Chesapeake Wild Harvest certification.

Bill Summary: Directs the Marine Products Board to establish and maintain a voluntary Chesapeake Wild Harvest certification and labeling program for any blue catfish that is taken or caught in the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries and is processed in the Commonwealth. The bill prohibits any person from labeling any product as Chesapeake Wild Harvest unless such product conforms to the provisions of the bill.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. **Items Impacted:** 86
Explanation: It is anticipated that the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) will require additional general fund support to implement the provisions of this legislation.

Fiscal Summary: This bill will result in an expenditure impact to VDACS.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
301 (VDACS)	-	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL	**-**	**$45,000**	**$45,000**	**$45,000**	**$45,000**	**$45,000**

Fiscal Analysis: This statement is preliminary. It is anticipated that the Marine Products Board would require additional general fund resources to administer the proposed Chesapeake Wild Harvest certification. The administrative costs are estimated to be $10,000 per year, and additional costs for graphic design services, trademarking, State Corporation Commission registration, printing and storage of labels, and shipping to users are estimated to be $35,000 per year. Additional resources may be needed depending on interest in the program.

The Marine Products Board currently operates on license fees from the Marine Resources Commission. Annual revenue was $308,579 in FY 2023, $302,430 in FY 2024, and $312,502 in FY 2025, while expenditures were $347,553 in FY 2023, $239,787 in FY 2024, and $521,279 in FY 2025. The FY 2025 expense included a one-time expenditure for an economic impact study. The funding the Board receives from MRC supports two positions and the operations of the Board. According to VDACS, the nongeneral fund revenue is not sufficient to support additional ongoing and current activities of the Board, necessitating the need for general fund support.

Other: None.