Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB386 **Patron:** Stuart
Bill Title: Distribution of sewage sludge; perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances testing requirements; civil penalty.

Bill Summary: Prohibits any person that holds a valid Virginia Pollutant Abatement permit to distribute or land apply sewage sludge in the Commonwealth from distributing or land applying sewage sludge that contains any trace of PFAS, as defined in the bill. The bill (i) requires such person to, prior to the distribution or land application of sewage sludge, submit to the owner or lessee of the site where the sewage sludge is to be land applied a written statement affirming that such sewage sludge contains no trace of PFAS and (ii) subjects such person to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000 for violating the provisions of the bill. The bill exempts any person engaged in an agricultural operation, as defined in the bill, and land applying sewage sludge on lands used for such agricultural operation.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any costs DEQ may incur can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. It is anticipated that the Department of Environmental Quality can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

The bill creates a new potential revenue source by authorizing civil penalties of up to $5,000 per violation for PFAS-related noncompliance. All such revenues are deposited into the Sludge Management Fund. The amount of revenue is indeterminate and dependent on enforcement activity and compliance rates.

Other: None.