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

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Bill Number: SB519S1 **Patron:** Deeds
Bill Title: Department of Conservation and Recreation; land conservation goals and needs assessment; report.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Conservation and Recreation to assess how best to achieve permanent conservation by 2036 of (i) 20 percent of the land area of the Commonwealth and (ii) 10 percent of urban areas of the Commonwealth.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**
Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); however, a budget amendment is not required.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that DCR can implement the provisions of this bill within current resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. This bill DCR to assess how best to achieve permanent conservation by 2036 of (i) 20 percent of the land area of the Commonwealth and (ii) 10 percent of urban areas of the Commonwealth and to submit a report on its findings no later than November 1, 2026. DCR anticipates that completion of this assessment and report can be completed with current resources.

Other: None.