Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB719ER **Patron:** Marsden
Bill Title: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry; Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, during the first year of each new gubernatorial administration, to develop and implement a written comprehensive Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan that is designed to be enacted over the course of such gubernatorial administration's term. The Secretary shall coordinate with representatives of agriculture and forestry organizations, members of the agribusiness community, and other stakeholders they deem necessary, in developing the Plan. The Secretary is directed to submit a report detailing the progress made toward the development and implementation of the Plan to the Governor and to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by December 1 of the first year of each new gubernatorial administration.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A.**
Explanation: This bill involves the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry; however, a budget amendment is not required to implement the provisions of the bill.

Fiscal Summary: Any fiscal impact the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and the agencies within the Secretariat may incur are indeterminate; however, it is anticipated that implementation of this bill can be completed without additional state resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. This bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry to develop and implement a written comprehensive Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan during the first year of each new gubernatorial administration. A report on the progress of the plan must be submitted to the Governor and to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by December 1 of the first year of each new gubernatorial administration. It is anticipated that this bill can be completed within current resources of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Forestry.

Other: None.