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Chief Patron: Greason

Item 468 #1h

Address Funding Shortfall at IEIA

Central Appropriations	FY14-15	FY15-16
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$800,000 GF

Language:

Page 184, line 41, strike "\$13,613,298" and insert "\$14,413,298".

Page 187, after line 53, insert:

"O. Out of this appropriation, \$800,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority to support the operations of the authority."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$800,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2016 for the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority (IEIA). The IEIA is currently projecting a revenue shortfall that would require the authority to lay off 20% of their staff. The newly appointed CEO has requested these funds to get through the current fiscal year and to allow him and the Board time to thoroughly review the authority's operations and business model.)

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Chief Patron: Adams

Item 109 #6h

Co-Patron(s): Marshall D., Poindexter

Increase funding for Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$600,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$51,237,001".

Page 87, line 14, strike the first "\$968,442" and insert "\$1,568,442".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$600,000 from the general fund in the first year to increase funding for the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, formerly the Virginia Water Project, from \$968,442 to \$1,568,442. The additional funding would allow the project to go ahead with 7 rural water and wastewater projects currently on the waiting list.)

Chief Patron: Aird

Item 109 #9h

Funding For Re-Development Efforts in Petersburg

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$2,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$53,137,001".

Page 88, after line 32, insert:

"Q. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$2,500,000 from the general fund the first year is provided to support the redevelopment efforts at the Gateway to Petersburg located at Exit 52 off Interstate 95."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund to support redevelopment efforts in Petersburg at Exit 52 off of Interstate 95. The city is working to develop a mixed-use development project to enhance the economic and social environment of the area.)

Chief Patron: Anderson

Item 109 #2h

Funding for the New Flory Small Business Center

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Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$300,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$50,937,001".

Page 88, after line 32, insert:

"Q. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$300,000 from the general fund the first year is provided to support the construction of a new Flory Small Business Center in Manassas."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund the first year to support the construction of a new Flory Small Business Center in Manassas. The Prince William County has committed \$450,000 in funding and the Flory center has committed \$100,000.)

Chief Patron: Bell, Richard

Item 364 #12h

Co-Patron(s): Landes

Hearthstone Dam Repairs

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$633,100	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$97,480,783".

Page 314, line 45, strike the first "\$464,294" and insert "\$1,097,394".

Page 314, line 47, after "Virginia." insert:

"Out of these amounts, \$633,100 in the first year from the general fund shall be provided to match federal and local funding for the rehabilitation of the Hearthstone Lake dam in Augusta County."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$633,100 in the first year from the general fund to rehabilitate the Upper North River Watershed Dam Number 77 on Hearthstone Lake in Augusta County to meet current NRCS safety performance standards for a high hazard dam. The proposed project would provide sediment storage for another 68 years after construction and maintain the current level of flood protection downstream. The plan provides for raising the dam embankment by 2.6 feet with earthfill, widening the auxiliary spillway by 92 feet, constructing a splitter dike, and installing turn reinforcement mat for stability. It is

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anticipated that federal funds will be provided for the remaining \$2.1 million of costs associated with the rehabilitation.)

Chief Patron: Carr

Item 109 #7h

Co-Patron(s): James, Krizek, McClellan, McQuinn, Peace

Establish the Community Wealth Building Fund

Commerce and Trade

FY16-17

FY17-18

Department of Housing and Community
Development

\$1,000,000

\$10,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$51,637,001".

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$64,504,601" and insert "\$74,504,601".

Page 88, after line 32, insert:

"Q. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to establish the Community Wealth Building Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year and \$10.0 million from the general fund the second year to initiate the Community Wealth Building Fund. Under the proposal the fund would provide grants to localities with high poverty rates, or areas with a high concentration of poverty, that 1.) develop an integrated poverty reduction plan and 2.) who commit a minimum of \$200,000 local funds for the plan. Funding for this can be provided by adjusting the revenue projections related to non-withholding income tax that has been limited based on the collar.)

Chief Patron: Cole

Item 364 #3h

High Hazard Dam Funding

Natural Resources

FY16-17

FY17-18

Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$375,000

\$375,000 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$97,222,683".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$35,513,883".

Page 314, line 45, strike the first "\$464,294" and insert "\$839,294".

Page 314, line 45, strike the second "\$464,294" and insert "\$839,294".

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Page 314, line 47, after "Virginia." insert:

"Included in the amounts provided in this paragraph is \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the second year from the general fund for engineering analysis, and upon submittal of an approved design and the submittal of receipts for realized expenses, for improvement of a high hazard dam, originally constructed in the 1980s at a height of approximately 24 feet and a normal pool volume of 144 acres per foot, more or less, to comply with the Commonwealth's dam safety requirements."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$375,000 each year from the general fund for improvement of a particular high hazard dam unable to comply with current safety requirements.)

Chief Patron: Cox

Item 109 #10h

Eliminate Funding for the New Healthy Food Financing Program

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Housing and Community Development	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$45,637,001".
Page 85, line 50, strike "\$64,504,601" and insert "\$59,504,601".
Page 88, delete lines 11 through 15.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates funding, of \$5.0 million from the general fund each year, to create a new "Healthy Food Financing Program" which would provide grants to grocery stores locating in underserved areas.)

Chief Patron: Cox

Item 368 #1h

Appomattox River Water Authority

Natural Resources

Department of Environmental Quality Language

Language:

Page 318, after line 13, insert:
"F. If the Board of the Appomattox River Water Authority does not approve an action to move forward with the raising of the Brasfield Dam prior to June 30, 2017, the authorization for \$5.0 million in Virginia Public Building Authority bonds for such project included in

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Chapter 806, 2013 Acts of Assembly shall expire."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an expiration date for \$5.0 million in bond proceeds authorized for the Appomattox River Water Authority authorized by the 2013 General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: Davis

Item 126 #2h

HB 455 - Workgroup to Review Unemployment Benefit Charges

Commerce and Trade

FY16-17

FY17-18

Virginia Employment Commission

\$100,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 96, line 29, strike "\$608,548,028" and insert "\$608,648,028".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund in the first year pursuant to the passage of House Bill 455 of the 2016 General Assembly session which requires the VEC to convene a work group to develop recommendations regarding the allocation of responsibility for unemployment benefit charges among the claimant's employers.)

Chief Patron: Davis

Item 428 #1h

HB 929 - Virginia Cyber Security Act

Technology

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority

Language

Language:

Page 359, line 50, after "K." insert "1."

Page 360, after line 1, insert:

"2. To effectuate the provisions of House Bill 929 of the 2016 General Assembly session, \$200,000 each year from the general fund included in this paragraph shall be allocated for a cyber security portal program and \$75,000 each year shall be allocated to fund the Virginia Cybersecurity Conference to be held each year.

3. In addition to the funds appropriated in this item for cyber security, \$6,000,000 from the general fund each year in funds appropriated under Item 255 of this Act shall be allocated to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 929 of the 2016 General Assembly session including \$5,000,000 each year for the Collaborative Research Fund and \$1,000,0000 each year for the Computer Science and Robotics grant program."

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Explanation:

(This amendment earmarks funding included in the introduced budget to effectuate the provisions House Bill 929 of the 2016 General Assembly session.)

Chief Patron: Davis

Item 428 #3h

Allocate Funding for Autonomous Vehicle Study

Technology

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority

Language

Language:

Page 359, line 47, after "J." insert "1."

Page 359, after line 49, insert:

"2. Out of the funds included in this paragraph, \$250,000 each year shall be allocated for a joint research and development project between Virginia universities and a private industry for the continued development of autonomous vehicles. Expenditure of the state general fund is contingent on a matching expenditure of \$250,000 by the private firm."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Chief Patron: Fariss

Item 364 #7h

Co-Patron(s): Edmunds

Small Dam Repairs

Natural Resources

FY16-17

FY17-18

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$350,000

\$350,000 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$97,197,683".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$35,488,883".

Page 313, line 14, strike "\$150,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Page 313, line 15, strike "\$150,000" and insert "\$500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the funding provided to the Soil and Water Conservation Districts for small dam repairs from \$150,000 to \$500,000 in each year of the biennium.)

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Twelve of the 47 soil and water conservation districts operate and maintain 104 flood control dams in Virginia. Dams require continuous maintenance and periodic small repairs including spillway gate valve replacements, repair of wave berms on dams, access road repairs, slope erosion repairs, filter drain replacements and trash rack repairs and maintenance. After allocating the \$150,000 available for these repairs in fiscal year 2016, DCR identified a backlog of approximately \$1.3 million in small dam repairs based on owner annual inspections of each dam. An appropriation of \$500,000 each year of the biennium will allow for substantial progress towards addressing these documented needs.)

Chief Patron: Fariss

Item 375 #1h

DGIF Law Enforcement Personnel

Natural Resources

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Language

Language:

Page 322, after line 20, insert:

"D. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, sufficient funding shall be utilized to establish a law enforcement training academy and to hire 40 additional FTE positions in the first year and 10 additional FTE positions in the second year for the enforcement of the Commonwealth's boating and hunting laws."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish an academy to train and hire 40 additional law enforcement personnel in the first year and 20 additional law enforcement personnel in the second year. Funding for these positions will come from the \$7.7 million annual increase in deposits to the Game Protection Fund included in House Bill 30 as introduced.)

Chief Patron: Farrell

Item 3-5.14 #1h

Elimination of Political Candidate Contribution Tax Credit

Adjustments and Modifications to Tax Collections

Elimination of Political Candidate Contribution Tax Credit

Language

Language:

Page 451, after line 25, insert:

"§3-5.14 POLITICAL CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, no credit shall be allowed under § 58.1-339.6."

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Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates the tax credit provided for contributions to political candidates effective tax year 2016.)

Chief Patron: Farrell

Item 3-6.04 #1h

Elimination of Angel Investor Tax Credit

Adjustments and Modifications to Fees

Qualified Equity and Subordinated Debt Investment Tax Credit

Language

Language:

Page 451, strike lines 42 through 50, and insert:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, no credit shall be allowed under § 58.1-339.4."

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates the tax credit provided "angel investors" effective tax year 2016.)

Chief Patron: Filler-Corn

Item 99 #1h

Charitable Gaming Board

Agriculture and Forestry

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Language

Language:

Page 76, at the end of line 36, insert:

"Provided however, if House Bill 1092 is adopted by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly, revenues generated to regulate charitable gaming under the provisions of such act shall henceforth be considered dedicated nongeneral fund revenues dedicated to the oversight of charitable gaming activities as set forth in that legislation. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall work with the Charitable Gaming Board to ensure the program administration is shifted to the appropriate entity. The Director, Planning and Budget is authorized to effectuate changes to the appropriations set forth in this item consistent with that Act."

Explanation:

(This amendment recognizes the potential shift from general to nongeneral fund status of

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revenues generated from the regulation of Charitable Gaming and would effectuate the transition from oversight of those activities from VDACS to the newly established Charitable Gaming Board should House Bill 1092 be adopted by the 2016 General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: Garrett

Item 91 #1h

Cider Revenues to Wine Promotion Fund

Agriculture and Forestry	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$21,983	\$21,983 GF

Language:

Page 72, line 35, strike "\$22,412,142" and insert "\$22,434,125".
Page 72, line 35, strike "\$22,399,142" and insert "\$22,421,125".
Page 73, line 39, strike the first "\$1,919,248" and insert "\$1,941,231".
Page 73, line 39, strike the second "\$1,919,248" and insert "\$1,941,231".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the amounts deposited to the Wine Promotion Fund to reflect the dedication of the cider mark-up on cider produced by farm wine licensees.)

Chief Patron: Garrett

Item 109 #4h

Co-Patron(s): Austin, Byron, Fariss, Marshall D.

Funding for the Ctr. for Adv. Engineering & Research

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$600,000	\$325,797 GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$51,237,001".
Page 85, line 50, strike "\$64,504,601" and insert "\$64,830,398".
Page 88, after line 32, insert:
"Q. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$600,000 from the general fund the first year and \$325,797 from the general fund the second year, is provided to support efforts to restore the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research and Integrated Systems Test back to operational conditions."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$600,000 from the general fund the first year and \$325,797 from the general fund the second year to restore the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research and Integrated Systems Test back to operational conditions. Once the facility is operational, future funds from the federal Department of Energy as well as funds from private companies and universities will support the facility.)

Chief Patron: Greason

Item 99 #2h

Charitable Gaming Funds

Agriculture and Forestry	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$1,282,067	\$1,282,067	GF

Language:

Page 76, line 28, strike "\$1,282,067" and insert "\$2,564,134".

Page 76, line 28, strike "\$1,282,067" and insert "\$2,564,134".

Explanation:

(This amendment is intended to end what had, in 2003, been considered a short-term practice of capturing funds collected from organizations conducting charitable gaming under a charitable gaming permit to the general fund. Over the last 13 years, the appropriations for the regulation of charitable gaming have seen a significant reduction from \$2,685,186 to \$1,282,067. At the same time, the General Assembly authorized electronic pull-tab devices and network bingo, which are complex systems and have complex licensing requirements for those companies that provide such systems in Virginia. In addition, any money flowing through these complex systems requires significant time and resource commitments by the agency to ensure the accurate accounting of the money. This amendment would restore support for the regulation of charitable gaming and be used to restore auditor, licensing technician, and field inspector/investigator positions.)

Chief Patron: Greason

Item 428 #5h

Funding for the MACH37 Cyber Accelerator

Technology	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority	\$1,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 358, line 12, strike "\$8,388,090" and insert "\$9,388,090".

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund in the first year for continued support of the MACH37 Cyber Accelerator program. The program, created in 2013, is designed to bring cyber security entrepreneurs to the Commonwealth and assist in the launch of start up companies. 29 new companies have been started thus far.)

Chief Patron: Greason

Item 3-6.04 #2h

Eliminate Angel Investor Language

Adjustments and Modifications to Fees

Qualified Equity and Subordinated Debt Investment Tax Credit

Language

Language:

Page 451, strike lines 41 through 50.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates language included in House Bill 30 as introduced that proposes to earmark \$2.0 million of the amounts available under the Qualified Equity and Subordinate Debt Investment Tax Credit (Angel Investor) for investments in biotechnology companies. By statute, this tax credit is available to qualified investors in qualified technology, biotechnology and energy start-ups across the Commonwealth. By striking this language, the General Assembly reaffirms the statutory intention of the legislation.)

Chief Patron: Hester

Item 125 #1h

Increase Funding for Brownfields Restoration & Ec. Dev. Asst. Fund

Commerce and Trade

FY16-17

FY17-18

Virginia Economic Development
Partnership

\$3,000,000

\$3,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 95, line 1, strike "\$27,601,544" and insert "\$30,601,544".

Page 95, line 1, strike "\$27,601,546" and insert "\$30,601,546".

Page 96, line 17, strike "\$750,000" and insert "\$3,750,000".

Page 96, line 18, strike "\$750,000" and insert "\$3,750,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$3.0 million from the general fund each year in

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funding for the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Development Assistance Fund. This Fund is used to promote the restoration and redevelopment of lands which have the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.)

Chief Patron: Hodges

Item 370 #4h

VA Water Facilities Revolving Fund Loans

Natural Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 320, after line 36, insert:

"K. The Department of Health is directed to transfer from its appropriation any savings resulting from the provisions of House Bill 1080, 2016 Session of the General Assembly, to the Department of Environmental Quality for deposit into the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund to provide loans and grants for the purposes of onsite septic system design, repair and construction."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Health to transfer savings accrued from the cessation of onsite septic system design and engineering resulting from the provisions of House Bill 1080, 2016 Session of the General Assembly, to the Department of Environmental Quality which will be deposited into the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund to provide loans and grants for the purposes of onsite septic system design, repair and construction. The savings are estimated at \$7.0 million a year.)

Chief Patron: Hodges

Item 378 #1h

Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund

Natural Resources

FY16-17

FY17-18

Marine Resources Commission

\$250,000

\$250,000 GF

Language:

Page 324, line 11, strike "\$20,004,079" and insert "\$20,254,079".

Page 324, line 11, strike "\$19,946,753" and insert "\$20,196,753".

Page 324, after line 48, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year shall be deposited into the Virginia Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund established pursuant to § 28.2-1204.2, Code of Virginia, to be used for the removal and clean-up of abandoned watercraft."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 each year from the general fund to the Virginia Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund to be used for the removal and clean-up of abandoned watercraft.)

Chief Patron: Hope

Item 101 #1h

Wavyleaf Basket Grass Control

Agriculture and Forestry	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Forestry	\$150,000	\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 77, line 8, strike "\$31,912,262" and insert "\$32,062,262".

Page 77, line 8, strike "\$32,643,961" and insert "\$32,793,961".

Page 78, after line 15, insert:

"J. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is included for a program to fight the spread of wavyleaf basket grass in Fairfax, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Page, Madison, Greene, Rockingham and Albemarle counties. \$100,000 each year would be directed toward a cost-share program to assist landowners, and \$50,000 each year to fund a part-time position to coordinate the program and handle surveying and monitoring."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 each year from the general fund to fight the spread of wavyleaf basket grass in 10 Virginia counties: Fairfax, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Page, Madison, Greene, Rockingham and Albemarle.)

Chief Patron: Hugo

Item 91 #2h

Grapevine Grant Fund

Agriculture and Forestry	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$0	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 72, line 35, strike "\$22,399,142" and insert "\$22,899,142".

Page 74, after line 27, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used deposited to the Grapevine Grant Fund as established by the 2016 General Assembly."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 general fund in the second year to support the Grapevine Grant Fund established by the 2016 General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: James

Item 110 #1h

Co-Patron(s): Lindsey

Fully Fund the Enterprise Zone Program

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 88, line 33, strike "\$12,423,354" and insert "\$15,423,354".

Page 88, line 33, strike "\$12,423,354" and insert "\$15,423,354".

Page 88, line 38, " strike "\$12,150,000" and "\$12,150,000" and insert: "\$15,150,000" and "\$15,150,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million from the general fund each year to fully fund the Enterprise Zone Program. Currently, payments under the program are prorated.)

Chief Patron: James

Item 125 #2h

Co-Patron(s): Knight

Virginia Business Ready Sites Program

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$750,000	\$1,250,000	GF

Language:

Page 95, line 1, strike "\$27,601,544" and insert "\$28,351,544".

Page 95, line 1, strike "\$27,601,546" and insert "\$28,851,546".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$750,000 from the general fund the first year and \$1.25 million from the general fund the second year for a pilot project to support the development of sites

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which have been included in the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program as being suitable for industrial development. A companion amendment in Item 476 reduces funding by \$2.0 million over the biennium to offset these additional expenditures.)

Chief Patron: James

Item 476 #3h

Reduce Funding for Contingency Reserve

Central Appropriations	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Central Appropriations	(\$750,000)	(\$1,250,000)	GF

Language:

Page 405, line 32, strike "\$17,596,330" and insert "\$16,846,330".

Page 405, line 32, strike "\$8,399,916" and insert "\$7,149,916".

Page 406, line 27, strike "\$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000" and insert: "\$1,250,000 the first year and \$750,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment reduces funding for unanticipated expenditures by \$750,000 from the general fund the first year and \$1.25 million the second year. A companion amendment in Item 125 appropriates these funds for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program.)

Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 109 #3h

Increase Funding for Heartwood Artisan Center

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$100,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$50,737,001".

Page 87, line 46, strike the first "\$875,000" and insert "\$975,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment includes \$100,000 from the general fund in the first year to increase the general fund support for the Heartwood Artisan Center from \$875,000 to \$975,000 in fiscal year 2017.)

Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 119 #1h

Funding for Powell River Project

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Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy	\$150,000	\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 90, line 17, strike "\$29,258,267" and insert "\$29,408,267".

Page 90, line 17, strike "\$29,228,627" and insert "\$29,378,627".

Page 91, after line 3, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Powell River Project to support to enhance environmental restoration and water-resource protection in coal mining areas."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 119 #2h

Funding to Address New EPA Criteria on Selenium

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 90, line 17, strike "\$29,258,267" and insert "\$29,508,267".

Page 91, after line 3, insert:

"G. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for the Department, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality, to review the factors in the EPA's national recommended criteria that may require Virginia to develop state specific criteria."

Explanation:

(This amendment includes \$250,000 from the general fund the first year in anticipation of the costs that will be incurred by the Department as a result of the federal EPA updating its recommended aquatic life water quality chronic criterion for selenium in freshwater. EPA released a draft updated criterion in July 2015 and accepted public comment until October 30, 2015. EPA is updating the selenium criterion to reflect the latest scientific information, which indicates that selenium toxicity to aquatic life is primarily driven by organisms consuming selenium-contaminated food rather than by direct exposure to selenium dissolved in water.)

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Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 129 #2h

Funding for Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$100,000	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$22,196,335" and insert "\$22,296,335".

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$21,746,337" and insert "\$21,846,337".

Page 98, after line 49, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts provided for Tourist Promotion shall be provided \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority in the development of a tourism economic growth plan."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund each year for the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority in the development of a tourism economic growth plan for the eight localities in planning districts 1 and 2.)

Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 129 #3h

Funding for Southwest Regional Recreation Authority

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$300,000	\$300,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$22,196,335" and insert "\$22,496,335".

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$21,746,337" and insert "\$22,046,337".

Page 98, after line 49, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts provided for Tourist Promotion shall be provided \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority to further the development of the Spearhead Trails."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 from the general fund each year for the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority to further the development of the Spearhead Trails. Thus far, 25% of the proposed trail system has been built and the additional funding would allow for the continued development of the system.)

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Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 364 #4h

Co-Patron(s): Campbell, Landes, Morefield, O'Quinn, Pillion

DCR Natural Heritage Areas

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 315, line 21, strike "\$500,000" and "\$500,000" and insert: "\$2,948,129" and "\$2,948,129".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$2,448,129 in each year for the Natural Heritage Program in support of active Natural Area Preserve and Natural Heritage Resources conservation across Virginia and the Commonwealth's 62 Natural Area Preserves as recommended by the Board of Conservation and Recreation in its October 2014 re-benchmark. Since 2002 the Natural Area Preserve System has grown by 34 natural areas, 100 tracts of land and 36,943 acres while total staffing for the program has shrunk from 48 to 43 FTEs. These funds would support an additional 24 FTEs and provide funding for additional operating expenses to fund boundaries, gates, gravel for roads and parking, trails, signage, law enforcement, invasive species control, fire management, habitat restoration, hunting.)

Chief Patron: Kilgore

Item 428 #2h

Co-Patron(s): Pillion, Plum

HB 413 - Create the Fly Wisely Unmanned Aerial Systems Accelerator Authority

Technology	FY16-17	FY17-18
Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority	\$350,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 358, line 12, strike "\$8,388,090" and insert "\$8,738,090".

Page 361, after line 19, insert:

"R. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$350,000 the first year from the general fund is included to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 413 of the 2016 General Assembly session which creates the Fly Wisely Unmanned Aerial Systems Accelerator Authority.

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides funding pursuant to the passage of House Bill 413 of the 2016 General Assembly session which creates the Fly Wisely Unmanned Aerial Systems Accelerator Authority.)

Chief Patron: Knight

Item 125 #4h

Adjust Funding to Economic Development Project

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 95, line 1, strike "\$27,601,544" and insert "\$27,851,544".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund in the first year for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to support the costs needed to develop the Williams Mega site, in Southeast Virginia, to move it from a tier #2 to a tier #3 site.)

Chief Patron: Krizek

Item 126 #1h

Co-Patron(s): Hope, Sickles

HJ 72 - Study Effect of Increasing Min. Wage

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Virginia Employment Commission	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 96, line 29, strike "\$608,548,028" and insert "\$608,648,028".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund in the first year pursuant to the passage of House Joint Resolution 72 of the 2016 General Assembly session which requires the VEC to study the economic impact of increasing the minimum wage and submit their findings for consideration during the 2017 General Assembly session.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 93 #1h

Coyote Control Program Language

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Agriculture and Forestry

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Language

Language:

Page 74, at the beginning of line 50, insert: "A."

Page 75, after line 2, insert:

"B. The Commissioner shall enter into agreements with local and state agencies, or other persons, for the control of black vultures, coyotes, and other wildlife that pose a danger to agricultural animals. The Commissioner shall enter into an agreement with the federal government to establish and maintain the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Damage Management Program. Pursuant to this requirement, the memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS) shall be updated on or before December 31, 2016 to ensure continuation of the partnership."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs VDACS to enter into an agreement with the federal government by December 31, 2016 to ensure continued operation of the cooperative wildlife damage management program.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 105 #1h

HB 858 - Create Virginia International Trade Authority

Commerce and Trade

FY16-17

FY17-18

Secretary of Commerce and Trade

\$100,000

\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 80, line 3, strike "\$703,632" and insert "\$803,632".

Page 80, line 3, strike "\$703,779" and insert "\$803,779".

Page 80, after line 17, insert:

"C. Out of the appropriation for this item, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support the establishment of the Virginia International Trade Authority created pursuant to the passage of House Bill 858 of the 2016 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund each year to establish the Virginia International Trade Authority.)

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Chief Patron: Landes

Item 106 #4h

Eliminate New Funding for Biotechnology Spinoffs

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$30,000,000)	(\$30,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$99,284,360" and insert "\$69,284,360".
Page 80, line 23, strike "\$93,109,529" and insert "\$63,109,529".
Page 84, strike lines 4 through 15.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates new funding included in the introduced budget to develop biotechnology spinoff companies.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 106 #5h

Eliminate New Funding for Trade Missions

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	GF

Language:

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$99,284,360" and insert "\$98,284,360".
Page 80, line 23, strike "\$93,109,529" and insert "\$92,109,529".
Page 83, strike lines 52 through 54.
Page 84, strike lines 1 through 3.
Page 84, line 4, strike "O" and insert "N".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates new funding included in the introduced budget for additional trade missions.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 108 #1h

Eliminate New Funding for Housing Trust Fund

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
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Department of Housing and Community Development (\$6,000,000) (\$6,000,000) GF

Language:

Page 84, line 35, strike "\$55,715,827" and insert "\$49,715,827".
Page 84, line 35, strike "\$55,715,827" and insert "\$49,715,827".
Page 85, line 31, after "Item," strike "\$10,000,000" and "\$10,000,000" and insert: "\$4,000,000" and "\$4,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates new funding, of \$6.0 million from the general fund each year, for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The amendment would set the appropriation for the trust fund at \$4.0 million which is equal to the fiscal year 2016 funding level.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 120 #1h

Eliminate New Funding for Development of Solar Energy

Commerce and Trade

FY16-17

FY17-18

Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (\$1,000,000) (\$1,000,000) GF

Language:

Page 91, line 4, strike "\$5,610,922" and insert "\$4,610,922".
Page 91, line 4, strike "\$5,611,422" and insert "\$4,611,422".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates new funding proposed in the introduced budget for solar energy development.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 129 #1h

Eliminate New Funding for Tourism

Commerce and Trade

FY16-17

FY17-18

Virginia Tourism Authority (\$2,000,000) (\$2,000,000) GF

Language:

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$22,196,335" and insert "\$20,196,335".
Page 97, line 22, strike "\$21,746,337" and insert "\$19,746,337".

Explanation:

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(This amendment eliminates new funding included in the introduced budget for additional research and advertising at the Tourism Authority.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 364 #2h

Supplemental Ag BMP Funding

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$11,980,042	\$11,980,042	GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$108,827,725".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$47,118,925".

Page 314 after line 5, insert:

"5. In addition to the amounts appropriated in paragraphs B.1. and B.2. of this item, \$11,980,042 in the first year and \$11,980,042 in the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Out of these amounts \$1,283,571 in the first year and \$1,283,571 in the second year shall be made available for Technical Assistance for Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts and \$10,696,471 in the first year and \$10,696,471 in the second year shall be used for Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Assistance."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides a total of \$12.0 million in additional support each year to the Water Quality Improvement Fund for nonpoint source pollution control. The amount represents the amount provided in general fund support for this purpose in fiscal year 2016, plus an additional amount to support the technical assistance required to effectively utilize the funding. This continues the general fund support to help close the gap identified in the Clean Waters Clean Up Plan submitted in November 2015.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 378 #2h

Eliminate Funding for Fisheries Chief

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Marine Resources Commission	(\$140,000)	(\$135,000)	GF
	-1.00	-1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 324, line 11, strike "\$20,004,079" and insert "\$19,864,079".

Page 324, line 11, strike "\$19,946,753" and insert "\$19,811,753".

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Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates funding and a position included in House Bill 30 as introduced to hire a deputy chief in the Fisheries Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 378 #3h

Eliminate Funding for Fisheries Positions

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Marine Resources Commission	(\$318,000)	(\$262,000)	GF
	-3.00	-3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 324, line 11, strike "\$20,004,079" and insert "\$19,686,079".
Page 324, line 11, strike "\$19,946,753" and insert "\$19,684,753".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates funding and 3 positions included in House Bill 30 as introduced to hire additional staff in the Fisheries Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 379 #1h

Tangier Island Seawall

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Marine Resources Commission	(\$239,000)	(\$8,933)	GF

Language:

Page 324, line 49, strike "\$2,207,402" and insert "\$1,968,402".
Page 324, line 49, strike "\$1,977,335" and insert "\$1,968,402".
Page 325, strike lines 10 through 12.

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates funding proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced for the Tangier Island seawall.)

Chief Patron: Landes

Item 476 #1h

Eliminate New Funding for Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site

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Central Appropriations	FY16-17	FY17-18
Central Appropriations	(\$2,000,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 405, line 32, strike "\$17,596,330" and insert "\$15,596,330".
Page 407, strike lines 20 through 54.
Page 408, line 1, strike "I." and insert "H."
Page 408, line 8, strike "J." and insert "I."

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates funding included in the introduced budget of \$2.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2017 for development of the Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site in Richmond. Funding of \$2.0 million for the project is included in the fiscal year 2016 appropriation and the funds have not yet been accessed.)

Chief Patron: LaRock

Item 428 #4h

New Information Sharing and Analysis Organization

Technology

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority

Language

Language:

Page 360, after line 12, insert:
"3. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000 shall be used to develop a Commonwealth Cybersecurity Strategic Plan (CCSP) related to cybersecurity. The CCSP shall be designed to protect the health, safety, and economic interests of Virginia's citizens, businesses, and government by reducing the impact of potential cyber-related events. The CCSP shall focus on Commonwealth-wide awareness, preparedness, prevention, resilience, response, and critical infrastructure design. The CCSP shall (i) develop a framework that enables the State Chamber of Commerce, law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, and information technology entities to work with public and private partners to rapidly baseline, identify, respond to, and minimize the impact of cyber disruption events in the Commonwealth; (ii) develop a framework for effective and continuous information sharing, analysis, mitigation, and response to threats of increasing scope and severity; (iii) facilitate yearly integrated planning and assessments with entities that own and maintain infrastructure critical to the Commonwealth, its federal partners, its businesses, and its citizens. Experts from the public and private sector and commercial, academic, and Federal cybersecurity expertise shall be consulted and actively involved in the development of the CCSP. The proposed CCSP shall be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2016, along with nay recommendations for additional initiatives, funding, or

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statutory changes needed to fully implement the plan."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the IEIA to develop a Commonwealth Cybersecurity Strategic Plan, includes the required areas of focus of said plan, and requires the Agency to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: Lindsey

Item 370 #2h

DEQ Stormwater Local Assistance Fund

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Environmental Quality	\$50,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 318, line 50, strike "\$62,013,511" and insert "\$112,013,511".

Page 319, after line 43, insert:

"3. In addition to the appropriations referenced in paragraphs C.1. of this item, \$50,000,000 in the first year shall be provided to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. These amounts shall be distributed for activities as described in paragraphs C.2 and D. of this item."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50.0 million in the first year to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. No funding as included for this fund in House Bill 30 as introduced. State financial assistance is needed for localities to meet state and federal permit requirements. Construction and other costs exceed the fiscal capacity of almost all local governments. State funding assistance has steadily declined since \$35.0 million in bond proceeds were authorized by the 2013 General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Item 29 #1h

Multi-State Consultant for Bay Clean-Up Progress

Legislative Department	FY16-17	FY17-18
Chesapeake Bay Commission	\$0	\$38,000 GF

Language:

Page 18, line 7, strike "\$292,217" and insert "\$330,217".

Page 18, after line 11, insert:

"Included in the amounts for this item is \$38,000 the second year from the general fund representing Virginia's share of contributions to the six state Chesapeake Bay Region efforts to hire an independent outside evaluator responsible for reviewing and submitting reports to

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Congress according to the schedule prescribed in the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014. Such funds shall not be released until such time as all six states in the Region have committed equal amounts of funding to the project. If such commitment has not been achieved by June 30, 2018, the amounts will revert to the general fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$38,000 from the general fund in the second year to the Chesapeake Bay Commission. This amount represents Virginia's share of funds required to hire an independent outside evaluator to verify the impact of clean-up efforts undertaken in the 6-state Chesapeake Bay Region. Such funds will not be released until such time as all six states - Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York - commit to provide equal amounts of funding for this purpose. This proposal has been advanced by Congressman Rob Wittman and Senator Mark Warner as necessary steps following the passage of the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act by Congress in December 2014.)

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Item 109 #5h

Restore Funding for the Northern VA. Regional Commission

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$150,000	\$150,000 GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$50,787,001".
Page 85, line 50, strike "\$64,504,601" and insert "\$64,654,601".
Page 86, line 33, strike "\$151,943" and "\$151,943" and insert:
"\$301,943" and "\$301,943".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 from the general fund each year to restore funding to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. In fiscal year 2010 the Northern Virginia Regional Commission received a 71% reduction in funding while most other commissions received an 11% reduction.)

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Item 363 #1h

Review of Joint Permitting Process for Aquaculture

Natural Resources

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Secretary of Natural Resources

Language

Language:

Page 312, after line 27, insert:

"C. The Secretary of Natural Resources is directed to work in conjunction with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to coordinate and develop a joint application process for aquaculture and oyster farming. In developing this process, the Secretary shall model the effort on the joint process currently used by the Department of Conservation and Recreation when it works cooperatively with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on similar permits. The Secretary shall submit a summary of her findings and the resulted process recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 1, 2016."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretaries of Natural Resources and Health and Human Resources to coordinate and develop a joint application process for aquaculture and oyster farming.)

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Item 364 #9h

Rappahannock River Basin Commission

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$6,500	\$6,500 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$96,854,183".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$35,145,383".

Page 314, line 32, strike "\$8,500" and "\$8,500" and insert: "\$15,000" and "\$15,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment returns the state share of funding for the Rappahannock River Basin Commission to \$15,000 per year to match the local contribution on a dollar-for-dollar basis as required by § 62.1-69.33, Code of Virginia.)

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Item 364 #10h

NRCS to Provide Engineering Services to SWCDs

Natural Resources

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 315, after line 24, insert:

"O. Notwithstanding § 54.1, Chapter 4, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Department of Conservation and Recreation Central Office staff may provide engineering services to the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts for design and construction of agriculture best management practices."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes USDA's NRCS to provide engineering services to DCR and the local soil and water conservation districts.)

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Item 364 #13h

DCR Evaluation of Phosphorus Levels

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$100,000	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$96,947,683".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$35,238,883".

Page 315, after line 24, insert:

"O. Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the department to evaluate the existing standards for the acceptable rate of phosphorus application to lands from the use of fertilizer, animal manure, poultry waste, sewage sludge and industrial waste. In evaluating the existing standard, the department shall determine if soil phosphorus levels have increased since 2005. The department shall seek input from the Department of Environmental Quality, soil scientists and nutrient management experts from academic institutions including Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, agriculture industry representatives, conservation interests and other interested stakeholders. The Department shall: 1) consider the best available science, 2) review other state protocols in the mid-Atlantic region, 3) review phosphorus application rates, the timing of land application of animal manure and poultry waste, soil nutrient capacity, and water quality degradation and 4) evaluate the movement of phosphorus to ground and surface waters, soil phosphorus saturation, subsurface drainage, soil erosion and other phosphorus management considerations, as appropriate. The department shall provide its recommendations on whether the existing standard for the acceptable rate of phosphorus application is consistent with best available science to the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the

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House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee no later than November 1, 2017."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from the general fund to DCR to evaluate existing standards for phosphorus application and report its findings to the General Assembly by November 1, 2017.)

Chief Patron: Lopez

Item 106 #1h

Increase Funding for Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$99,284,360" and insert "\$100,284,360".

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$93,109,529" and insert "\$94,109,529".

Page 82, line 14, strike "\$2,800,000 the first year and \$2,800,000" and insert: "\$3,800,000 the first year and \$3,800,000".

Page 82, line 17, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$2,500,000".

Page 82, line 18, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$2,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund each year in additional funding for the Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund to increase total funding to \$3.8 million a year. The additional funding will be used for the Small Business Innovation Research Matching Grant Program.)

Chief Patron: Lopez

Item 108 #2h

HB 972- Dedicate Portion of Recordation Tax to Housing Trust Fund

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$8,250,000	\$8,250,000	GF

Language:

Page 84, line 35, strike "\$55,715,827" and insert "\$63,965,827".

Page 84, line 35, strike "\$55,715,827" and insert "\$63,965,827".

Page 85, line 31, strike "\$10,000,000" and "\$10,000,000" and insert:

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"\$18,250,000" and "\$18,250,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment adjusts the appropriation for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to reflect passage of House Bill 972 of the 2016 session which dedicates 20% of the revenues from the recordation tax above \$325 million to the Fund.)

Chief Patron: Lopez

Item 110 #2h

HB 989 - Prohibit Minors From Working with Tobacco Products

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$97,388 1.00	\$97,388 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 88, line 33, strike "\$12,423,354" and insert "\$12,520,742".
Page 88, line 33, strike "\$12,423,354" and insert "\$12,520,742".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$97,388 from the general fund and 1 FTE each year to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 989 of the 2016 General Assembly session which prohibits minors from directly working with tobacco products. The Department would require one additional staff person to enforce the provisions of the legislation.)

Chief Patron: Lopez

Item 364 #5h

Fully Fund Ag BMP Cost Share Assistance

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$22,291,200	\$86,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$119,138,883".
Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$121,138,883".
Page 314 after line 5, insert:
"5. In addition to the amounts appropriated in paragraphs B.1. and B.2. of this item, \$22,291,200 in the first year and \$86,000,000 in the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Out of these amounts \$4,182,249 in the first year and \$13,600,000 in the second year shall be made available for Technical Assistance for Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts and \$18,108,951 in the first

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year and \$72,400,000 in the second year shall be used for Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Assistance."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides full funding of the water quality improvement needs identified in the 2015 Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean Up Plan for Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share and technical assistance funding required for the Commonwealth to meet its 2017 water quality goals.)

Chief Patron: Lopez

Item 370 #1h

Stormwater Local Assistance Funding

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 318, line 50, strike "\$62,013,511" and insert "\$112,013,511".

Page 318, line 50, strike "\$62,013,511" and insert "\$112,013,511".

Page 319, after line 43, insert:

"3. In addition to the appropriations referenced in paragraphs C.1. of this item, \$50,000,000 in the first year and \$50,000,000 in the second year shall be provided to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. These amounts shall be distributed for activities as described in paragraphs C.2 and D. of this item."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50.0 million each year to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. No funding as included for this fund in House Bill 30 as introduced. State financial assistance is needed for localities to meet state and federal permit requirements. Construction and other costs exceed the fiscal capacity of almost all local governments. State funding assistance has steadily declined since \$35.0 million in bond proceeds were authorized by the 2013 General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: Mason

Item 376 #2h

Historic Jamestowne Church Tower

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Historic Resources	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

Page 322, line 27, strike "\$6,984,154" and insert "\$7,034,154".

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Page 322, line 27, strike "\$6,984,901" and insert "\$7,034,901".

Page 323, after line 46, insert:

"J. Included in this appropriation is \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund for Preservation Virginia to support repairs to the Historic Jamestowne Church Tower."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 each year for the Historic Jamestowne Church Tower repair through Preservation Virginia. The condition of the church on Jamestowne Island has been stabilized. This funding, when combined with private fundraising dollars, will protect the tower from the weather and complete the renovation in advance of the 2019 400th Anniversary Celebration.)

Chief Patron: Massie

Item 125 #3h

Economic Development Incentives Evaluation

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Language

Language:

Page 84, after line 15, insert:

"P. The Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees shall each appoint four members from their respective committees to a joint subcommittee to work in conjunction with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to review methods for evaluating the effectiveness of economic development incentives and determine an appropriate course of action with respect to incentive grant program management, assessment and evaluation. As part of this review process, the Joint Subcommittee shall examine the reporting requirements set forth in Chapter 817 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly and consider changes to those requirements as needed."

Explanation:

(This amendment establishes a Joint Subcommittee of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees to review the effectiveness of the process used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Commonwealth's economic development incentive programs.)

Chief Patron: Massie

Item 126 #3h

Treasury Offset Program - Recovery of Fees

Commerce and Trade

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Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 97, after line 4 insert:

"D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all fees incurred by the Virginia Employment Commission with respect to the collection of debts authorized to be collected under § 2.2-4806 of the Code of Virginia, using the Treasury Offset Program of the United States, shall become part of the debt owed the Commission and may be recovered accordingly."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Chief Patron: Massie

Item 126 #4h

Authorize VEC to Retain the Proceeds from the Sale of their Facilities

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 97, after line 4 insert:

"D. The proceeds from the disposition of facilities originally purchased from this fund shall be redeposited in the fund and used to support programs administered by the Virginia Employment Commission."

Explanation:

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Chief Patron: Miller

Item 95 #1h

Fantasy Contests Act Funding

Agriculture and Forestry

FY16-17

FY17-18

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

\$100,000
1.00

\$100,000 NGF
1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 75, line 10, strike "\$1,484,485" and insert "\$1,584,485".

Page 75, line 10, strike "\$1,484,485" and insert "\$1,584,485".

Page 75, after line 14, insert:

"Included in the amounts for this item is \$100,000 from revenues generated pursuant to

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House Bill 775, 2016 Session of the General Assembly and one full-time equivalent position to support the administration of the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 each year from nongeneral funds to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Consumer Affairs Services to fund the costs of one position required to administer the provisions of House Bill 775, 2016 Session of the General Assembly, the Fantasy Contests Act. This legislation . Registered operators will pay an annual fee of \$50,000. It is anticipated that at least two operators will register in each year.)

Chief Patron: Minchew

Item 376 #1h

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$500,000 GF

Language:

Page 322, line 27, strike "\$6,984,154" and insert "\$7,484,154".

Page 322, line 27, strike "\$6,984,901" and insert "\$7,484,901".

Page 323, after line 46, insert:

"J. Included in this appropriation is \$500,000 in the first year and \$500,000 in the second year from the general fund to match on a dollar-for-dollar basis funds received by the the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation for the preservation, interpretation and development of Civil War Battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 each year from the general fund as a matching grant for charitable contributions, local funds, earned income and other private funds received by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation for the preservation, interpretation and development of Civil War Battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley.)

Chief Patron: O'Bannon

Item 364 #6h

SWCD Admin and Operating Support

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,637,509	\$1,891,809 GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$98,485,192".

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Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$37,030,692".

Page 313, line 3, strike the first "\$6,841,091" and insert "8,478,600".

Page 313, line 3, strike the second "\$6,841,091" and insert "8,732,900".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional funding for soil and water conservation district operations and administration costs to meet the amounts identified as necessary in the 2015 District Needs Assessment. This includes funding for district administration and technical staff to address on-going technical assistance requests such as those for dam safety, stream bank stabilization, soil inventories, ponds, assistance to non-agricultural property owners, resource management plans, the conservation reserve enhancement program, engineering of livestock exclusion practices, the Agricultural Tax Credit Program, increasing need for public education and assistance, and to meet identified needs for district operations. As part of operations, it is also notable that district business infrastructure support for rent, salaries, vehicles, travel and training has not kept pace with needs.

Budget templates prepared by the 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in June 2015 showed an increased need of approximately \$1.63 million to meet the essential operations of the districts in fiscal year 2017 and \$1.89 million in fiscal year 2018. The Budget Template was initially developed in 2012 by a stakeholder advisory group that was tasked to examine funding needs for administration and operation of the districts as requested by the General Assembly. For three years Virginia's 47 SWCDs have completed these templates in order to better determine the state costs associated with operating the districts.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are the essential player at the local level to implement nonpoint source programs to accomplish water goals established by the General Assembly. To meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Rivers Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), districts must have adequate resources to educate, plan, design, and implement nonpoint source pollution control programs. Districts have proven to be the most cost effective means of accomplishing these water quality goals.

Without adequate funding, conservation districts continue to find it especially difficult to meet the critical needs to retain highly trained, experienced and skilled employees who are the primary delivery mechanism for programs to meet the Commonwealth's water quality goals established by the Governor and the General Assembly.)

Chief Patron: Orrock

Item 365 #2h

Co-Patron(s): Landes

State Parks Operating Funds

Natural Resources

FY16-17

FY17-18

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Department of Conservation and
Recreation

\$5,312,371

\$5,312,371 GF

Language:

Page 315, line 25, strike "\$67,564,642" and insert "\$72,877,013".

Page 315, line 25, strike "\$66,998,477" and insert "\$72,310,848".

Page 316, after line 36, insert:

"H. Included in the amounts for this item is \$5,312,371 in the first year and \$5,312,371 in the second year from the general fund to support the hiring of 43 FTE positions within the Division of State Parks."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$5.3 million each year and 43 FTE positions from the general fund to support operations at Virginia's state parks. This would replace funds that had been reduced in recent years to address budgetary shortfalls and allow the department to fill vacancies they have kept open in the Division of State Parks. The practice of using salary savings from vacant positions to fund operations has created a significant backlog of needs and left parks understaffed. The increase in park visitation, overnight usage and demand for park services as well as the increased complexity of operations have contributed to a cumulative effect limiting the state parks' ability to provide the services demanded by their customers. Virginia's parks hosted over 8.9 million visitors in 2015 and over 1.1 million overnight guests. Overnight usage has increased 47% since 2005.

Revenue from overnight facilities account for \$9 million of total park revenues. In 2015, state parks contributed to a statewide economic impact of over \$208 million. At the same time, the agency has lost \$2.2 million in general funds since fiscal year 2008 and much of the remaining general funds have been redeployed to unavoidable cost increases such as employee benefits and inflationary operating costs while demand for park services has grown by 24%. The agency has managed this situation by deferring the hiring of up to 54 allocated salaried employees, creating a 22% field vacancy rate while only partially addressing park operating needs, equipment replacement, natural resource projects and maintenance backlogs.

The proposed positions include 20 Chief Ranger Visitor Experience, 11 Park Rangers for maintenance, 10 housekeeping manager positions and two park office managers.

In total, the requested \$5.3 million is the equivalent cost of recovering the salary of 54 park employees plus the salary and benefits for 43 new positions.)

Chief Patron: Orrock

Item 365 #5h

Co-Patron(s): Landes

DCR Youth Corps Programs

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Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$612,537	\$612,537 GF

Language:

Page 315, line 25, strike "\$67,564,642" and insert "\$68,177,179".

Page 315, line 25, strike "\$66,998,477" and insert "\$67,611,014".

Page 316, after line 36, insert:

"H. Included in the amounts for this item is \$612,357 in the first year and \$612,357 in the second year from the general fund to support 25 Youth Corps programs in state parks."

Explanation:

(This amendment would allow the Virginia State Parks to establish state funding to sponsor 25 Youth Corps programs in state parks each summer. This would allow the program to serve all 36 state parks.

The youth corps program is comprised of two components, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and the Youth Service Corps (YSC). Each program consists of teams of ten members, aged 14-17 and three leaders (college age or older). The YCC is an overnight program where the youth and leaders work and live in a park for three weeks. The YSC, a companion program, differs in that it targets at-risk teens and does not include overnight lodging for crew members. In both programs, the crews perform valuable park work including trail and natural resource projects such as removal of invasive species, debris clean-up and view shed clearing.)

Chief Patron: Pillion

Item 129 #4h

Co-Patron(s): Kilgore, Morefield

Funding for Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$100,000	\$100,000 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$22,196,335" and insert "\$22,296,335".

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$21,746,337" and insert "\$21,846,337".

Page 98, after line 49, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts provided for Tourist Promotion shall be provided \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund to support the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority in the development of a tourism economic growth plan."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund each year for the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority in development of a tourism economic growth plan for the eight localities in planning district 1 and 2.)

Chief Patron: Pillion

Item 365 #4h

Co-Patron(s): Kilgore, Morefield

Breaks Interstate Park Funding

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$93,313	\$93,313 GF

Language:

Page 315, line 25, strike "\$67,564,642" and insert "\$67,657,955".
Page 315, line 25, strike "\$66,998,477" and insert "\$67,091,790".
Page 315, line 42, strike "\$181,687" and insert "\$275,000".
Page 315, line 43, strike "\$181,687" and insert "\$275,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$93,313 each year from the general fund to increase Virginia's support for the Breaks Interstate Park. The requested funds would be used for maintenance and operation of the park. Virginia currently contributes \$181,687, which represents a 34% reduction in funding from the 2006 funding level. This reduction has forced frequent withdrawals of funds from the park's savings accounts in order to maintain critical facilities and services. The requested additional amount will restore the Virginia allocation to its previous level and help provide the critical maintenance and operations functions without further decreasing the park's savings accounts. The park's savings accounts have declined by 66% despite intensive cost cutting and restructuring measures which have shaved nearly \$200,000 in personnel, utilities, insurance and supplies expenses from the park's annual budget.)

Chief Patron: Poindexter

Item 96 #1h

Co-Patron(s): Marshall-D.

Weights & Measures Program Support

Agriculture and Forestry	FY16-17	FY17-18
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$345,701	\$197,101 GF

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Language:

Page 75, line 17, strike "\$2,973,717" and insert "\$3,319,418".
Page 75, line 17, strike "\$2,973,717" and insert "\$3,170,818".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional support for the weights and measures program. The amounts would be used to hire two additional inspectors and related support equipment. This would increase the total devices inspected by 3,600 annually with a focus on farm scales and risk-based needs. This would continue the General Assembly's goal of incrementally addressing the deficit between available funding and stated goals in terms of timely inspections. The Delegate has proposed offsetting cuts within new initiatives at the Department of Housing and Community Development to offset these expenditures.)

Chief Patron: Poindexter

Item 365 #1h

Eliminate Funding for Natural Bridge

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)	GF

Language:

Page 315, line 25, strike "\$67,564,642" and insert "\$67,444,642".
Page 315, line 25, strike "\$66,998,477" and insert "\$66,878,477".

Explanation:

(This amendment eliminates a proposed appropriation of \$120,000 each year from the general fund to support two positions in the DCR Division of Parks intended to support the transition of Natural Bridge to a state park facility.)

Chief Patron: Poindexter

Item 365 #3h

No Funds for Natural Bridge

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 316, after line 36, insert:
"H. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code of Virginia, no funds appropriated to the Department of Conservation and Recreation may be utilized to hire park rangers or other

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employees, either full-time or part-time, to work at any Natural Bridge lands or facilities until such time as the General Assembly has approved bringing those lands and any related facilities into the state park system as evidenced by language authorizing such transfer in the Appropriation Act."

Explanation:

(This amendment states that no funds appropriated for the Department of Conservation and Recreation may be spent to hire rangers or other state employees at Natural Bridge lands or facilities until such time as the General Assembly has approved bringing those lands and any related facilities into the state park system.)

Chief Patron: Ransone

Item 364 #1h

Co-Patron(s): Hodges

Increase SEAS Funding

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$50,000	\$50,000	GF

Language:

- Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$96,897,683".
- Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$35,188,883".
- Page 315, line 17, strike the first "\$150,000" and insert "\$200,000".
- Page 315, line 17, strike the second "\$150,000" and insert "\$200,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases by \$50,000 general fund each year the amounts provided for DCR shoreline erosion advisory services, increasing totaling funding to \$200,000 each year. This amount mirrors the funding provided in the House Budget for such activities during the 2015 Session. The amounts will be used to support additional financial resources for stream bank and shoreline erosion control to reduce harmful impacts to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, to aid in meeting mandated nutrient and sediment reduction goals for the Bay TMDL, and to provide citizens of the Commonwealth with science-based stream bank and shoreline erosion reduction techniques. Funding for the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service (SEAS) program requires the increased amount to fund the second full-time DCR SEAS employee.)

Chief Patron: Rasoul

Item 129 #5h

Funding for Capital Improvements at Explore Park

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Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$450,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 97, line 22, strike "\$22,196,335" and insert "\$22,646,335".

Page 98, after line 49, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts provided for Tourist Promotion shall be provided \$450,000 the first year from the general fund for the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority to support capital improvements at Explore Park."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$450,000 from the general fund the first year for the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority to support capital improvements at Explore Park. The funds will be used to repair roads and bridges, make upgrades to water and sewage systems, and make repairs to historic structures and common areas.)

Chief Patron: Robinson

Item 106 #2h

Co-Patron(s): Aird, Carr, Keam, Kilgore, Mason, Villanueva, Yost

Additional Funding for the Motion Picture Opportunity Fund

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000 GF

Language:

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$99,284,360" and insert "\$103,784,360".

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$93,109,529" and insert "\$97,609,529".

Page 81, line 35, strike "\$3,000,000 " and "\$3,000,000" and insert: "\$7,500,000" and "\$7,500,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides additional funding of \$4.5 million from the general fund each year to the Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund to increase the appropriation in the Fund from \$3.0 million to \$7.5 million each year. All of the funding proposed in the introduced budget, \$3.0 million each year, is obligated to current projects and there is no funding available to attract additional projects.)

Chief Patron: Sickles

Item 106 #3h

Co-Patron(s): John Bell

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Continue Funding for National Security Agency Research

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$350,000	\$350,000	GF

Language:

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$99,284,360" and insert "\$99,634,360".

Page 80, line 23, strike "\$93,109,529" and insert "\$93,459,529".

Page 84, after line 15, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item for Economic Development Services shall be provided \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year from the general fund to continue a program connecting national security agency research and development programs and project managers with entrepreneurs in Northern Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$350,000 from the general fund each year to continue a program which has been funded through the FACT fund and direct from the general fund support to support entrepreneurs in Northern Virginia in their efforts to secure contracts for national security agency research and development programs.)

Chief Patron: Simon

Item 109 #8h

Funding for Tinner Hill Historic Site

Commerce and Trade	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$20,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$50,657,001".

Page 88, after line 32, insert:

"Q. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$20,000 from the general fund the first year is provided to create a structure commemorating the location of the historic Joseph Tinner Home."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20,000 from the general fund the first year to create a "Ghost" structure commemorating the location of the historic Joseph Tinner Home.)

Chief Patron: Webert

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Co-Patron(s): Landes

Fully Fund Ag BMP Cost Share Assistance

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$20,934,203	\$86,041,596	GF

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$117,781,886".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$121,180,479".

Page 314 after line 5, insert:

"5. In addition to the amounts appropriated in paragraphs B.1. and B.2. of this item, \$20,934,203 in the first year and \$86,041,596 in the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Out of these amounts \$2,242,950 in the first year and \$9,218,742 in the second year shall be made available for Technical Assistance for Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts and \$18,691,253 in the first year and \$76,822,854 in the second year shall be used for Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Assistance."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides full funding of the water quality improvement needs identified in the 2015 Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean Up Plan for Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share and technical assistance funding required for the Commonwealth to meet its 2017 water quality goals.)

Chief Patron: Webert

Item 364 #11h

SWCD Engineering Support

Natural Resources	FY16-17	FY17-18	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$500,000 4.00	\$500,000 4.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$96,847,683" and insert "\$97,347,683".

Page 312, line 34, strike "\$35,138,883" and insert "\$35,638,883".

Page 315, after line 24, insert:

"O. The the amounts provided in this item include \$500,000 in the first year and \$500,000 in the second year and 4.00 full-time equivalent positions to provide engineering support to implement the Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share Program."

Explanation:

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(This amendment adds additional engineering support to implement the agricultural best management practices cost share program and would fund four additional field engineers at a start-up cost of \$500,000 per year. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) does not have engineering resources to meet the demands of the state cost share program. With a total of six engineering positions, the Department will be able to adequately reestablish and administer an engineering job approval authority system for the 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. District staff, with Department oversight, will be able to again supply basic engineering services to farmers throughout Virginia.

DCR needs this funding to effectively re-establish and administer job approval authority for the 47 SWCDs, including providing an adequate number of annual quality control inspections for over 100 eligible District staff located across Virginia. Engineering job approval authority is a certification system which must be overseen by a professional engineer, which provides delegated authority to district technical staff to design and construct agricultural BMPs. With engineering job approval authority re-established, Districts will be able to continue to provide engineering designs for the increasing number of structural agricultural best management practices, such as stream crossings and alternative water systems.)

Chief Patron: Wilt

Item 370 #3h

Local Stormwater Charge Reporting

Natural Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 320, line 26, strike "Department of Environmental Quality" and insert:
"Auditor of Public Accounts".

Page 320, line 27, strike "Department" and insert "Auditor".

Page 320, line 28, after "programs." insert:

"The Department of Environmental Quality shall, at the request of the Auditor of Public Accounts, offer assistance to the Auditor's office in the review of the submitted reports."

Explanation:

(This amendment removes the requirement that each locality with a stormwater service charge file a report with DEQ as to the programs funded by these fees and the expected nutrient and sediment reductions for each of these programs and instead requires that this report be filed by October 1 of each year with the Auditor of Public Accounts. Upon request, the DEQ would continue to offer assistance to the APA in their review of the reports. The requirement to ensure compliance with the Code of Virginia shall remain in place.)