

SUPPORT HB 520

Including resilience strategies in comprehensive plans
Delegate Bulova

Reasons to support HB 520

HB520 encourages localities to adopt resilience strategies within their comprehensive plans including strategies to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and adapt to changing conditions and hazardous events.

Although current provisions in the Virginia Code currently require some Tidewater localities to include guidance from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to foster the sustainability of shoreline resources; and for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission localities to incorporate strategies to combat sea level rise and recurrent flooding, all localities within Virginia are being impacted by stronger storms and subsequent flood events. Therefore, HB520 proposes that all localities should include resilience strategies in their comprehensive plans.

Overview:

HB 520 is one of a suite of bills proposed by the Chesapeake Bay Commission intended to integrate statewide flooding and resilience planning and implementation across the Commonwealth in a comprehensive manner. This legislation encourages all localities across the Commonwealth to include resilience strategies in their comprehensive plans.



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